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A jogger runs past a realtor's for sale sign in front of a home along South State Street in St. Joseph on Thursday. Signs haven't remained out front for long at many homes on the market, as 2020 proved to be a record-setting year in many respects.

Record-setting year

2020 area housing market surged past old marks

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — The Southwest Michigan housing market went crazy in 2020 and broke many records in the process.

The highest number of total houses sold in a year for the region was previously 3,733, in 2017. In 2020, 3,924 houses were sold, clearing the previous record by 5 percent.

In 2019, 3,607 houses were sold – 9 percent lower than in 2020.

Since 2015, the Southwestern Michigan Association of Realtors began reporting record-setting numbers and prices in the local housing market.

"We declared 2016 and 2017 to be the new peak years following a slow recovery from the 2008 economic crash," said Alan Jeffries, Association Executive, Southwestern Michigan Association of Realtors. "In the year-over-year comparison, 2006 was the previous peak year. The housing market pace continued to climb in 2018 and 2019. Now, the 2020 Southwest Michigan housing market year has blown out all previous peak years to reign as the new peak market year."

In addition to a record number of homes sold in 2020, the average and median selling prices surged past, by double digits, the record prices set in 2019.

The average selling price for the year was $304,080, compared to $240,525 in 2019, for a stunning 26 percent increase. The median selling price for the year rose 20 percent to $215,000, vs. the previous record of $178,000 in 2019.

The year-to-date total dollar volume grew 37 percent above the previous record set in 2019 – $1.19 billion compared to $867 million.

"Additional market highlights include the number of houses sold each year has stayed above 3,000 for the last eight years," Jeffries said. "Since 2015, the average selling price in Southwest Michigan has increased 56 percent. With the increasing sales each year, the yearly total dollar volume soared 85 percent."

A lively December

Looking at the housing market in December, 367 homes were sold compared to the 254 in December 2019 – an increase of 44 percent.

The average selling price increased 26 percent to $318,807 from $252,183 in December 2019. The median selling price rose 15 percent, to $202,200, from $176,000 in December 2019.

Both selling prices set new records for December in the year-over-year comparison.

The record sales and selling prices drove the total dollar volume up 83 percent from December 2019. The total dollar volume also set a new record.

There is one noticeable downside to the surging market.

The region's inventory of homes for sale dropped by more than 30 percent each month, going back to August.

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BH doctor makes video questioning vaccine

Post on Facebook was shared by mayor

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — An online video created by a prominent Benton Harbor doctor questions aspects of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout, calling it a "grand experiment."

The six-minute video was made by Dr. Donald Tynes of Benton Harbor and posted to Facebook last week. To date is has been viewed more than 2,700 times.

Benton Harbor Mayor Marcus Muhammad shared the video last Friday on his political Facebook page.

Tynes is affiliated with the city, as he was recently named the city's director of public health, an advisory role. Tynes also operates the Benton Harbor Health Center. He is an internal medical/pediatric specialist.

Tynes, in the video, doesn't advise against taking the vaccine, but he does raise concerns. "Because of the pandemic, the process was rushed," he said in the video. "So only take the vaccine if you're willing to say that I'm volunteering to be a part of this grand experiment to improve science, to help science, and that I understand the risks."

He went on: "We're altering the human body to produce antibodies, and so this is an experiment and you should know the risks that you're volunteering to help to make science better. ... But there are risks. ... We know the vaccine can benefit people, but it also has side effects. We know there's been some deaths. We know there's been some injuries. But this is part of the learning process."

Local health officials, while not

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State lawmakers are pushing to curb governors' virus powers

By DAVID A. LIEB
Associated Press

Irritated by the sweeping use of executive orders during the COVID-19 crisis, state lawmakers around the U.S. are moving to curb the authority of governors and top health officials to impose emergency restrictions such as mask rules and business shutdowns.

The push is underway in such states as Arizona, Michigan, Ohio, Maryland, Kentucky, Indiana and Pennsylvania, where legislators are seeking a constitutional amendment to strip the governor of many of his emergency powers.

Pennsylvania Republican Sen. Wayne Langerholc said the amendment would "make it unequivocally clear that our General Assembly is a co-equal branch ... that we are not a monarchy and that our voices matter."

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Ainsley O'Donnell, 15, of Moscow, Pa., works out in preparation for softball season at NEPA Fit Club in Blakely, Pa., on Dec. 10. Irritated by the sweeping use of executive orders during the COVID-19 crisis, state lawmakers around the U.S. are moving to curb the authority of governors and top health officials to impose emergency restrictions such as mask rules and business shutdowns.

Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf and some of his counterparts around the country have argued that they need authority to act quickly and decisively against the fast-changing threat.

The coronavirus has killed an estimated 430,000 Americans and is going through its most lethal phase yet, despite

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Whitmer: Holding back federal virus aid 'cruel and reckless'

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said Thursday that she will not cede her authority to issue certain COVID-19 restrictions, calling Republicans' attempt to hold back federal pandemic relief funding unless she changes course "cruel and reckless."

The Democratic governor urged GOP lawmakers to "shift their perspective to looking forward" and stop "digging in" on their continued opposition to state health department orders that, while loosened, still limit capacity at restaurants to 25 percent and prohibit youth contact sports to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

On Wednesday, before Whitmer gave a State of the State speech in which she sought "common ground" on $5.6 billion of COVID-19 spending that would help with vaccine distribution and assist schools and businesses, Senate Republicans blocked 13 of her appointees to make a point about not having input into management of the crisis. And

Michigan Office of the Governor via AP

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer delivers her virtual State of the State address the state, Wednesday, in Lansing.

House Republicans linked approval of $2.3 billion in federal and state K-12 funding to empowering counties – not the state – to decide about restricting sports and in-person instruction.

"These were federal dollars that were sent to our state. They were supported by our bipartisan congressional delegation," the governor told reporters. "To hold those things hostage to try to change the balance of power in Lansing is just cruel and reckless."

House Speaker Jason Wentworth called his GOP caucus' plan "a start" and he denied that the caucus was trying to strip power from Whitmer or the health department. It is "reckless" and "cruel," he said, for restaurants to be given no precise metrics that must be

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General Motors sets goal of going largely electric by 2035

By MICHELLE CHAPMAN
Associated Press

General Motors has set a goal of making the vast majority of the vehicles it produces electric by 2035, and the entire company carbon neutral, including operations, five years after that.

The Detroit automaker's push into electric vehicles has gone into overdrive this year.

GM has already announced that it will invest $27 billion in electric and autonomous vehicles in the next five years, a 35 percent increase over plans made before the pandemic. It will offer 30 all-electric models worldwide by the middle of the decade. By the end of 2025, 40 percent of its U.S. models will be battery electric vehicles. The company plans to include crossovers, SUVs, sedans and trucks in its electric vehicle lineup.

GM said Thursday that it will source 100 percent renewable energy to power its U.S. sites by 2030 and global sites by 2035. That's five years faster than its previously announced global goal.

And it has a goal of making all new light-duty vehicles, the vast majority of its fleet, fully electric within 14 years. The company will concentrate on offering zero-emissions vehicles in different prices ranges. It's also working with others, including the Environmental Defense Fund, to build out the necessary infrastructure to power its electric vehicles and to promote their use.

To account for carbon emissions that it cannot eliminate, GM expects to invest in carbon credits or offsets

The 112-year-old auto giant unveiled a new corporate logo this month to signify its new direction as it openly pivots to electric vehicles. It wants to be seen as a clean vehicle company, rather than a builder of cloud-spewing gas-powered pickups and SUVs.

GM scrapped its old square blue logo for a lower case gm surrounded by rounded corners and an 'm' that looks like an electrical plug.

It also announced a new partnership with Microsoft this month with hopes of accelerating its rollout of electric, self-driving cars.

GM's push for carbon neutrality comes a day after President Joe Biden signed executive orders that include moving to an all-electric federal vehicle fleet. His goal is to transform the nation's heavily fossil-fuel powered economy into a clean-burning one.

So far, Wall Street has cheered the shift by GM which says the industry has reached a history-changing inflection point for mass adoption of electric vehicles.

Its shares this year have outpaced even high-flying Tesla, rising more than 20 percent to date. Shares rose almost 2 percent Thursday.

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Thursday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
QS-3D-5D-9D-4S
Midday Daily 3
7-5-8
Midday Daily 4
6-6-8-1
Daily 3
8-1-6
Daily 4
4-3-1-8
Fantasy 5
18-22-25-26-37
Keno
06-11-14-15-24-29-34-35-38-39-41-45-46-49-51-52-53-57-60-64-66-67
Mega Millions jackpot
$25 million
Powerball jackpot
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Wednesday drawings

Michigan
Powerball
17-33-35-42-52, Powerball: 9, Power Play: 3
Indiana
Cash 5
11-14-18-19-21
Cash4Life
02-08-13-38-48, Cash Ball: 3
Lotto Plus
10-11-14-18-25-26
Quick Draw Midday
01-02-04-09-15-19-20-23-28-29-34-36-40-44-45-49-51-64-65-66, BE: 44
Daily Three-Midday
8-3-6, SB: 5
Daily Three-Evening
7-5-7, SB: 4
Daily Four-Midday
0-3-3-3, SB: 5
Daily Four-Evening
6-9-2-5, SB: 4
Quick Draw Evening
05-06-09-10-12-13-14-16-22-26-27-30-33-41-42-61-66-68-71-74, BE: 10
Hoosier Lotto
01-09-14-31-33-39
Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
21-22-25-36-42
Pick Three-Midday
2-7-6, Fireball: 2
Pick Three-Evening
6-8-7, Fireball: 5
Pick Four-Midday
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Biden opens 'Obamacare' window for uninsured as COVID-19 rages

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
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President Joe Biden signs a series of executive orders on health care, in the Oval Office of the White House, Thursday, in Washington.

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Thursday ordered government health insurance markets to reopen for a special sign-up window, offering uninsured Americans a haven as the spread of COVID-19 remains dangerously high and vaccines aren't yet widely available.

Biden signed an executive order directing the HealthCare.gov insurance markets to take new applications for subsidized benefits, something Donald Trump's administration had refused to do. He also instructed his administration to consider reversing other Trump health care policies, including curbs on abortion counseling and the imposition of work requirements for low-income people getting Medicaid.

"There's nothing new that we're doing here other than restoring the Affordable Care Act and restoring Medicaid to the way it was before Trump became president," Biden said as he signed the directives in the Oval Office. He declared he was reversing "my predecessor's attack on women's health."

The actions were only the first steps by Biden, who has promised to build out former President Barack Obama's health care law to achieve a goal of coverage for all. While Biden rejects the idea of a government-run system that Sen. Bernie Sanders has pushed for in his "Medicare for All" proposal, his more centrist approach will require congressional buy-in. But opposition to "Obamacare" runs deep among Republicans.

The most concrete short-term impact of Biden's orders will come from reopening HealthCare.gov insurance markets as coverage has shrunk in the economic turmoil of the coronavirus pandemic. That's an executive action and no legislation is required.

The new "special enrollment period" will begin Feb. 15 and run through May 15, the White House said. It will be coupled with a promotional campaign and a call for states that run their own insurance markets to match the federal sign-up opportunity.

The Biden administration has ample resources for marketing, said Karen Pollitz, a health insurance expert with the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation. The foundation estimates that the Trump administration left unspent about $1.2 billion in user fees collected from insurers to help pay for running the marketplaces.

"The reason it wasn't spent is the Trump administration spent its time in office cutting services that support consumer enrollment," Pollitz said. "All the while the user fee revenue was coming in, (but) they were not allowed to spend it on anything other than marketplace operations."

Created under the Obama-era Affordable Care Act, the marketplaces offer taxpayer-subsidized coverage regardless of a person's medical history or preexisting conditions, including COVID-19.

Biden also ordered the immediate reversal of a federal policy that bars taxpayer funding for international health care nonprofits that promote or provide abortions. Known as the Mexico City Policy, it can be switched on or off depending on whether Democrats or Republicans control the White House. Abortion rights supporters call it the "global gag rule."

The new president's signing of a growing stack of executive orders is bringing increasing criticism from Republicans and also from some of his allies, especially after Democrats lambasted Trump when he acted on his own. Biden's team says he's looking to Congress for major legislation but feels that certain actions are crucial in the meantime.

Some directives he issued Thursday could take months to carry out.

He instructed the Department of Health and Human Services to consider rescinding Trump regulations that bar federally funded family planning clinics from referring women for abortions.

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the rollout of vaccines, with new and more contagious variants from abroad turning up in the U.S.

State legislatures generally took on lesser roles after the pandemic hit, with many suspending work or adjourning. It has been governors or their top health officials who have set many of the policies – imposing mask mandates, limiting public gatherings and shutting down dine-in restaurants, gyms, hair salons and other businesses.

Lawmakers in more than half the states have filed bills this year to limit gubernatorial powers during the pandemic and other emergencies, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Most legislatures began their sessions this month.

Kentucky's Republican-led Legislature could consider as soon as next week whether to override Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear's vetoes of several bills that would rein in his emergency powers.

Wisconsin's GOP-controlled Senate voted earlier this week to repeal Democratic Gov. Tony Evers' emergency health order, which would end the state's mask mandate. The Republican-controlled Assembly called off a similar vote Thursday in the face of criticism from health, school and business leaders and concern that it could jeopardize more than $49 million in federal aid.

Wisconsin Republicans have argued that Evers exceeded his authority by issuing multiple emergency declarations during the pandemic, which enabled him to extend the mask mandate beyond the 60 days allowed under the law without getting the Legislature's approval.

Evers contends that the changing nature of the pandemic warranted new emergency declarations.

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reached before the further easing of restrictions.

"What we are trying to do is to get kids into the classroom, get kids into seats," he said at a news conference where he and Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey formally responded to the governor's speech. The House proposal would give additional state aid to schools that commit to offering an in-person instruction option by Feb. 15. Whitmer has recommended that schools do so by March 1.

Districts decide whether or not to have face-to-face learning, though the state prohibited it at high schools statewide from mid-November through mid-December amid a surge in cases. Republicans say such decisions should only be made locally.

The governor said the executive branch must have the authority to be nimble and act quickly during a pandemic. The current one has claimed at least 14,000 Michigan lives.

"My primary responsibility as governor is to keep the people of this state safe," she said.

Republicans are frustrated that Whitmer, whose unilateral emergency powers were upended by the state Supreme Court, has in turn used the state health department to issue restrictions.

The Whitmer administration monitors the case rate, positivity rate and hospital capacity but has been reticent to tie the relaxing of limits to specific numbers. Citing an example, the governor said the percentage of tests turning up positive with the original virus means something "very different" than if the same positivity rate was found in a worrisome new Brazilian variant now in the U.S.

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By the end of 2020 there were just 717 houses for sale, compared to 1,176 in 2019. At 717 houses, the market had a 2.8-month supply of homes for sale, compared to 3.7 months in November and 4.17 in December 2019.

The current housing inventory is the lowest it has been since the association began its year-over-year comparison.

Locally, the average mortgage rate decreased slightly to 2.88 in December, from 2.96 in November. Last year in December, the rate was 3.75.

Nationally, the Freddie Mac mortgage rate in December also decreased slightly to 2.67, from 2.72 in November, for a 30-year conventional mortgage.

Don Campbell / HP staff

A SOLD sign is pictured in front of a home along Willa Drive in St. Joseph on Thursday.

Across the country

According to the National Association of Realtors, existing-home sales rose in December, with home sales in 2020 reaching their highest level since 2006.

Activity in the major regions were mixed on a month-over-month basis, but each of the four areas recorded year-over-year growth in December.

Total existing-home sales increased 0.7 percent from November to a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of 6.76 million in December.

"Home sales rose in December, and for 2020 as a whole, we saw sales perform at their highest levels since 2006, despite the pandemic," said NAR chief economist Lawrence Yun. "What's even better is that this momentum is likely to carry into the new year, with more buyers expected to enter the market."

Yun predicts a continuation of the strong activity that's taking place in the housing market and in the overall economy.

"Although mortgage rates are projected to increase, they will continue to hover near record lows at around 3 percent," Yun said. "Moreover, expect economic conditions to improve with additional stimulus forthcoming and vaccine distribution already underway."

The median existing-home price for all housing types in December was $309,800, up 12.9 percent from December 2019. December's national price increase marks 106 straight months of year-over-year gains.

Existing-home sales in the Midwest were unchanged, recording an annual rate of 1.59 million in December, but up 26.2 percent from a year ago.

Nationally, the total housing inventory at the end of December totaled 1.07 million units, down 16.4 percent from November and down 23 percent from one year ago. Unsold inventory sits at an all-time low of 1.9-month supply at the current sales pace, down from 2.3 months in November.

"To their credit, homebuilders and construction companies have increased efforts to build, with housing starts hitting an annual rate of near 1.7 million in December, with more focus on single-family homes," Yun said. "However, it will take vigorous new home construction in 2021 and in 2022 to adequately furnish the market to properly meet the demand."

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Signal tower atop hospital nears completion

Tower part of county switch to 800 megahertz

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Work to switch Berrien County's VHF public safety radio system to 800 megahertz is progressing, with a signal tower being built on top of Lakeland Hospital Watervliet.

Berrien County 911 Director Caitlin Sampsell told county commissioners recently that the almost $663,000 project has been slowed down by the COVID-19 pandemic, but is essential to close one of the two major gaps in the county's 800 MHz coverage. She said the Watervliet project is expected to be done by April 30.

The other gap is along the county's border with Indiana.

Sampsell said replacing the VHF system is vital.

"This equipment is old. It's end of life on the VHF system," she said. " ... Replacements aren't available for a lot of this. It's very difficult to keep this up and running."

In fact, she said the county's VHF Bertrand tower is now offline for repairs.

Sampsell said the county has been working on switching to the Michigan Public Safety Communication System, which is 800 MHz, for years. She said it makes sense for the county to support just one system, rather than two.

Commissioners have agreed, having passed a resolution in November 2019 stating that the county intends to dismantle the VHF system by the end of 2022.

"We want to take our funds and the local funds and be able to put them into supporting and building out one system that is interoperable for all of the agencies," she said. "Interoperability means that they all can talk with each other. With the 800 system, they can do that directly – police, fire and EMS. They can all be in the same talk group on the same incident."

Sampsell said the gap in the southern portion of the county is being worked on with Motorola through it's Critical Connect program. She said that program will not only enhance 800 MHz, but will allow emergency responders in Michigan and Indiana to talk with each other without having to switch systems.

But a new tower is needed. Unfortunately, she said Lakeland Hospital Niles is in a valley so can't serve as a tower site.

She estimated it could cost up to $2 million to build a new tower, with a site still being sought.

It's one thing to have 800 MHz available and another for the various agencies to have the equipment to access it.

Sampsell said the county handles calls for 50 agencies, which includes four ambulance services, 25 fire departments and 20 police departments, with all of the police departments except for Niles switching to the 800 MHz system years ago (Niles remained with VHF).

She said some fire and EMS agencies have partially switched to 800 MHz, but money is needed for them to fully switch.

Initially, she said the fire departments received grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). But lately, she added, the county's fire departments haven't been approved for grants, so they have been looking at other ways to finance the switch.

She said that the pagers needed by the firefighters were funded 50/50 by a local county grant of up to $230,000 in 2019, which purchased 496 pagers for 24 different agencies. With local matching money, the total investment was $343,535.

Don Campbell / HP staff

Work is progressing on a tower at Lakeland Hospital Watervliet to enhance Berrien County's 800 megahertz coverage for emergency services.

That leaves new mobile units to be bought for the trucks and portables that the firefighters carry with them.

She said that the county is offering low interest loans to the fire departments so they can buy the mobile units. And for the portables, she said that the Berrien County Fire Chiefs Association approved seeking another FEMA grant, which is due mid-February.

She said fire departments are not being forced to switch. She said some plan to continue to use the VHF system once they are on a fire scene.

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Photos contributed

South Haven artist and centenarian Marian Anderson is shown at her home with several pieces of art she has created over the years. Anderson, who celebrated her 100th birthday on Wednesday, continues to work at her home studio.

The art of becoming a centenarian

South Haven artist going strong as she turns 100

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Birthdays don't impress Marian S. Anderson.

Even though she turned 100 years old on Wednesday, Anderson remains nonplussed.

"I've never taken birthdays seriously," Anderson said. "I've never thought about turning 100. Years are years. The time is right now. Make the most of it."

Well aware of Anderson's sentiments about birthdays, friends and family made an exception this year and showered the artist with gifts and cards.

"There's probably over 100 cards," said Anderson's daughter, Wendy Halperin. One birthday greeting even came from MSNBC journalist and talk show host Rachel Maddow.

"I watch her show on TV," Anderson said.

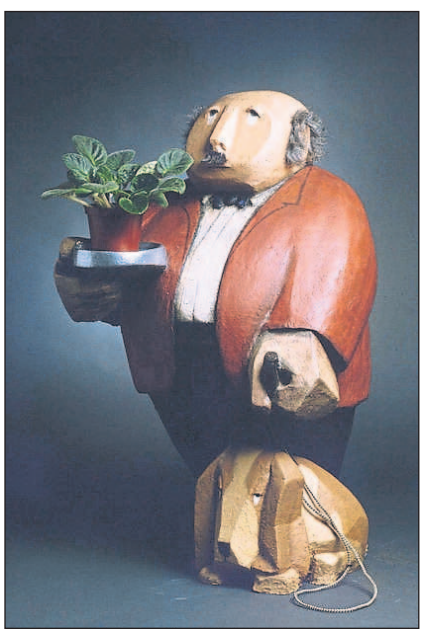
However, the South Haven artist doesn't spend a whole lot of time in front of the TV screen, especially during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, where people are discouraged from meeting in person for gatherings.

"I work on my art every day, all day long," Anderson said. "Because of this virus I'm working constantly and enjoy it."

Over the years, Anderson has created a great deal of artwork – mainly sculptures made of clay, stone, bronze, steel and wood, plus cement with Fiberglass.

Her sculptures can be found in Chicago, Cincinnati, Saugatuck, Douglas and South Haven. She also has amassed a large sculpture garden at her home.

Anderson's artwork has been featured at galleries throughout the Midwest, including in Chicago, at the University of Illinois, in Toledo, Ohio, and closer to home at the Krasl Art Center in St. Joseph, and at other local galleries.



One of Marian Anderson's humorous illustrative sculptures is shown.

Anderson didn't really pursue her artistic talent until after she retired from teaching at age 65.

"I started art strictly for fun," she said in a 2006 Herald-Palladium article that previewed a show featuring the work of Anderson along, with two other artists.

Anderson's long career began while she was a student studying commercial design at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

"It was very interesting," she said.

Anderson went on to earn a bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of Illinois, then began working as a design artist for several Chicago advertising firms in the 1940s and '50s.

She later returned to her alma mater and joined the art faculty to teach graphic design.

In-between, she and her husband raised four children. Each summer they traveled from their home in Joilet, Ill., to spend part of the summer in the South Haven area; first at a lakeshore cottage in Linden Hills and later at one in Palisades Park, both in Covert Township.

"We brought our children when they were very young. We came up every summer," Anderson recalled.

After retiring, the couple purchased a home in South Haven Township to live in full-time.

She set up a studio in their home and what started out as something she did "for fun" soon turned into a passion.

Anderson has always worked in a variety of mediums.

"That's probably my problem. I've never settled on one thing," Anderson said in 2006.

Her wide variety of artwork created over the years is a testament to her creativity. Sculptures made from nearly a dozen different types of materials, found object assemblages and paintings can all be seen on Anderson's website.

When asked which piece is her favorite, Anderson said, "The next one. That's what I like best."

Her love of art has rubbed off on her offspring, a number of whom have pursued careers in art, music, writing and dance.

"Young people fascinate me, I always like having them around," Anderson said. "They can teach me and I can teach them." But she stressed that she never tried to force her children or grandchildren to be something they weren't.

"I encouraged them in everything. I told them have fun doing what you're doing."

Halperin is one of Anderson's children who pursued art as a career.

Over the years, the South Haven artist has illustrated more than 25 books, including "Thank You, God, For Everything" and "Turn! Turn! Turn!" She also created the award-winning project, "Drawing Children into Reading."

Halperin said she took her mother's strong work ethic and words to heart.

"She inspired me as a little girl to enjoy paint, cardboard, colored pencils, crayons, pencils, glue, hot glue guns, art teachers of all kinds, the freedom to make a mess and the obligation to clean it up afterwards," Halperin said. "Children's books are just another form of the love of creating things."

Used car lot eyes move to Napier Avenue

Site plan OK'd for Watervliet business

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — A used car lot and auto repair facility could be opening this spring along Napier Avenue in Benton Township.

The owners of Scott's Auto Sales, now based in Watervliet, are contemplating a move to 1455 E. Napier Ave. in Benton Township.

Recently, township trustees approved a site plan for Wayne and Linda Scott at the Napier Avenue location.

"We've been looking at a few places," Linda Scott said Thursday. "We outgrew this one (in Watervliet). Plus there's more traffic over that way."

Scott's Auto Sales has been in business since 2004, which Scott said they intend to keep the same name.

"With COVID going on, we would love everything to be open by spring," she said.

Prior to the site plan being approved by the board of trustees, the matter was discussed at a special meeting for the planning commission.

Building Inspector Chris Fuchs said the site plan needed to be approved by the board, as used car lots in the township come under a certain site approval process.

"The site plan had to show how the parking will work to make sure they have enough green space and we have an ordinance for used car lots to meet all the requirements," Fuchs said. "(The ordinance) requires a site plan be prepared by a Michigan design professional."

The site was home to Closson's Tire & Auto Repair, which has since moved to Stevensville.

Fuchs said he's been working with the couple since May.

However, they had originally targeted property on the corner across the street from their Napier location.

While that scenario didn't pan out, Fuchs said the business owners intend to buy the property along Napier Avenue.

During last week's board meeting, trustees discussed the site plan at length to ensure the storage of vehicles was covered.

"We have an ordinance to mitigate the storage of vehicles on properties," Fuchs said. "It's a standard practice for the township. We are always clear with potential owners about having cars in lots that are not operational there for a long period of time. But our concern isn't with Wayne and Linda Scott, our concern is if they sell it to someone else because once it's approved, it is maintained forever in the ordinance."

Fuchs told trustees that any work to the building will be done under the appropriate permits. He added that they plan to improve the shop and "make the place look decent."

"We're excited about them coming here," Fuchs said. "They're taking a building that's empty and turning it into a business. It looks like they have good things intended for this site."

During the township's board meeting, Trustee Linda Scarbrough said the Scotts have a very good business in Watervliet and is confident they'll do well in the township.

"They've outgrown it. This is the ideal corner for them to expand their business," Scarbrough told trustees.

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IN BRIEF

COVID-19 hospitalizations continue to decrease

Berrien County recorded 38 new COVID-19 cases on Thursday, along with 15 presumed cases and 57 new recoveries. No new deaths were recorded.

The county is down to about 1,363 active cases of the virus, down slightly from 1,390 last Thursday, but holding steady.

COVID-19 hospitalizations at Spectrum Health Lakeland continue to decrease, with 18 patients admitted Thursday morning. That's compared to 29 patients reported last Thursday.

As of Wednesday, Berrien County had administered 11,914 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, Van Buren County had given 5,360 doses and Cass County had given 1,380 doses.

Van Buren County recorded 11 new COVID-19 cases on Thursday, while Cass County recorded 17. No new deaths were recorded in either county.

hp ENTERTAINMENT

SAM to present 'A Valentine Serenade'

NEW BUFFALO — The School of American Music will kick off its 2021 Family Concert Series at 3 p.m. Feb. 14 at Converge Community Church, 601 W. Buffalo St.

"A Valentine Serenade," which organizer Phil Bauman promises to be "one splendid afternoon of singing," will feature vocalists Kimberly Jones, Matthew Daniel and Bill McMurray accompanied by Lisa Kristina on piano and Charles Steck on trumpet.

Tickets are free, but must be reserved online at schoolofamericanmusic.com. Donations will be accepted.

"This family-friendly program presents many different genres and styles, and will encompass a wide range of emotions," said Bauman, SAM's program director.

The lineup of romantic serenades will include favorites from "La Boheme," "The Magic Flute," "Porgy and Bess," "West Side Story," "South Pacific" and "Les Misérables," as well as selections from composers like George Frideric Handel, Georges Bizet, Richard Rodgers, Jerome Kern and Leonard Bernstein.

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STECK

Jones, a soprano, is an alumna of the Ryan Opera Center at the Lyric Opera of Chicago. She has worked with conductors such as Riccardo Muti and Bernstein, and has performed in Carnegie Hall, Avery Fisher Hall, Philadelphia Academy of Music and the Spoleto festival in Italy.

Daniel, a tenor, is in his 12th season with the Lyric Opera of Chicago's chorus. He is known in the Michiana area as a soloist, voice teacher and co-founder of Tenors Three.

McMurray, a baritone, has performed more than 40 operatic roles and as a soloist. He has appeared with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Chicago Arts Orchestra and has worked with many regional orchestras around the U.S.

Kristina, a pianist, has appeared in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera" on Broadway, on tour in the U.S., and in Germany. She has toured internationally and played keyboard for the Chicago Opera Theater, New Philharmonic Orchestra, Elgin Symphony Orchestra, Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra and Northwest Indiana Symphony.

Steck, a trumpeter, teaches at Valparaiso and Andrews universities, Lakeshore and Portage high schools, and Culver Academy. He has been principal trumpet with the La Porte County and Elkhart County symphony orchestras, and a featured trumpet and vocal soloist with the St. Joseph Municipal Band, the Tom Milo Big Band and the North American Brass Company.

Out of respect for the performers and others in attendance, social distancing will be observed and masks will be required throughout the concert.

The Family Concert Series will continue at 3 p.m. March 14 with "With A Youthful Spirit." It will feature the Northwest Indiana Youth Symphony Musical Ensembles.

IN BRIEF

Joan Konkel's work now on display at Three Oaks gallery

THREE OAKS — Judy Ferrara Gallery, 16 S. Elm St., has welcomed the works of Washington, D.C.-based artist Joan Konkel to the gallery.

Konkel's painted canvases, with layers of aluminum and fiberglass mesh atop, are engineered to allow light to transform the sculptural paintings with shimmering optical magic, according to a news release.

Konkel received her master's degree in sculpture from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and worked as a professional artist for more than 20 years. She was later awarded a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Her work is in the permanent collections at The Museum of Art in DeLand, Fla., the Polk Museum of Art at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Fla., and the Golisano Children's Museum in Naples, Fla.

It was also selected for ambassadorial residences through the U.S. Department of State's Art in Embassies program, and placed in Paris and Tirana, Albania.

She has had multiple solo and group shows, and she was one of the artists featured in E. Ashley Rooney's book "100 Artists of the Mid-Atlantic."

Judy Ferrara Gallery is open from noon-6 p.m. Thursdays through Mondays, or by appointment by calling 574-276-6001.

For more information, visit judyferraragallery.com.

Overflow Church to host drive-in showing of 'Soul'

BENTON HARBOR — Overflow Church, 300 E. Napier Ave., will host a free drive-in movie night Saturday featuring Disney and Pixar's "Soul."

A pre-show honoring first responders will start at 5 p.m., with the movie to follow at 6 p.m.

There will be free popcorn, hot chocolate and candy, plus giveaways for the whole family, according to a news release.

The movie will be shown on a giant LED screen, and attendees can hear the audio through their vehicle speakers.

In "Soul," a New York middle school band teacher/jazz pianist suddenly finds himself trapped in a strange land between Earth and the afterlife after landing the gig of a lifetime.

The movie is 100 minutes long and is rated PG for thematic elements and some language.

For more information about Overflow, call 926-1191 or visit overflowchurch.org.

Disney / Pixar

In Disney and Pixar's "Soul," middle-school band teacher Joe Gardner (Jamie Foxx) finds himself in The Great Before – a fantastical place where new souls get their personalities, quirks and interests before they go to Earth. Overflow Church will be screening the film during a drive-in movie night Saturday.

THE GUIDE

Editor's Note: In these uncertain times, events can change quickly. Be sure to check with each venue for the latest updates and possible cancellations.

TODAY

Decker Ridout Duo: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

SATURDAY

"2020 Members' Show: Inspired By ..." opening weekend: 9-11 a.m. (special hours for exhibiting artists and guests), 11 am.-5 p.m. (open to the public, capacity limits apply); Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph; free; 983-0271 or krasl.org

Drive-in movie night featuring "Soul": 6 p.m., Overflow Church, 300 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor; free; 926-1191 or www.overflowchurch.org

Twin City Players hosts a virtual trivia night: 7 p.m., online; $10 per screen, limited space; 429-0400 or www.twincityplayers.org

Love & Rock Unplugged: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

SUNDAY

Eli Kahn: 5 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

"2020 Members' Show: Inspired By ..." opening weekend: see Saturday

MONDAY

Music Bingo: 7-9 p.m., Babe's Lounge and Restaurant, 565 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor; free; 925-3787

TUESDAY

"The Real Mae West" with Martina Mathisen: 6 p.m., online via Zoom (bit.ly/3oFkka2); free; 465-3663 or bridgmanlibrary.com

THURSDAY

Coffee with the Curator (virtual tour of "2020 Members' Show" exhibit): noon, via Krasl Art Center's Facebook page; free; 983-0271 or krasl.org, www.facebook.com/Kraslartcenter.fb

Thursday Night Films presents "The Captain": 6:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Meet the Greats Fernwood Lecture Series presents "Windcliff: A Story of People, Plants and Gardens" with Daniel J. Hinkley: 7-8 p.m., via Zoom; $40, $32 members; 695-6491 or www.fernwoodbotanical.org

Fort Talk Thursdays presents "Dive Into History at Home: French Colonial Blacksmith Shops in VR Museums" with Jeffrey Nau: 7-8 p.m., online via Zoom (bit.ly/3p4KO4W); free; 683-8545, ext. 116 or andrea.burns@nileslibrary.net

Trivia Night: 7-9 p.m., Sister Lakes Brewing Co., 92500 County Road 690, Dowagiac; 332-5135 or sisterlakesbrewing.com

FEB. 5

Magical Ice Fest: 5-8 p.m., downtown St. Joseph; free; 985-1111 or www.stjoetoday.com

That's What She Said: 7 p.m., Jay's Lounge Sports Bar & Grill, 3025 S. 11th St., Niles; 684-8353 or jayslounge.food96.com

The Juniors: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

LYNN and the Moonshine Runners: 7-10 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com

Checkmark Sallie: 8 p.m., Wegners Lakeside Bar & Grill, 2628 Lake Shore Drive, Niles; free; 683-1558 or wegners-lakeside-bar-grill.business.site

FEB. 6

Imphormal: 3 p.m., **Sk8er Boyz:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Magical Ice Fest: 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. see Feb. 5

FEB. 7

Andrews University Sunday Music Series presents "Claricello: Looking Forward" with Jason Gresl and Lara Turner: 4 p.m., Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

Dave Van Dyke: 5 p.m., Dooley's Lake House Pub, 310 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo; free; 469-2247 or dooleyslakehouse.com

Mike Talbot: 5 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

FEB. 8

Music Bingo: 7-9 p.m., Babe's Lounge and Restaurant, 565 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor; free; 925-3787

FEB. 9

The Mendel Center presents National Geographic Live's "Scientific Exposure" with Prasenjeet Yadav and Anand Varma: 7 p.m., online; $15-$25; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

FEB. 11

Thursday Night Films presents "Gemma Bovery": 6:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

TNC Talks presents "Prince Hall Freemasons" with Dirk Hughes: 6:30 p.m., online via Zoom; free; 471-1202 or berrienhistory.org

Fort Talk Thursdays presents "Threads Across the Atlantic: Exploring Lead Seals From Fort St. Joseph" with Cathrine Davis: 7-8 p.m., online via Zoom (bit.ly/3sHLYWq); free; 683-8545, ext. 116 or andrea.burns@nileslibrary.net

Trivia Night: 7-9 p.m., Sister Lakes Brewing Co., 92500 County Road 690, Dowagiac; 332-5135 or sisterlakesbrewing.com

FEB. 13

Chad Clifford: 3 p.m., **The 1985:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

The Mendel Center presents "Winter Delights: Bringing Valentines Home" with music by Alex & Erin: 6 p.m., online via Zoom; $25; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

Andrews University Young Artist Concert: 8 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

FEB. 14

Dale Wicks: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

School of American Music presents "A Valentine Serenade": 3 p.m., Converge Community Church, 601 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo; free, but online reservations required; 409-1191 or schoolofamericanmusic.com

Steve Michael: 4-7 p.m., Chill Hill Winery, 8986 First St., Baroda; free; 326-7173 or chillhill.net

Imphormal: 6 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Copper Rock Steakhouse, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

FEB. 15

Music Bingo: 7-9 p.m., Babe's Lounge and Restaurant, 565 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor; free; 925-3787

FEB. 18

Thursday Night Films presents "The Deep Blue Sea": 6:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Krasl Art Center presents Third Thursday: Inspired By ... The Muskegon Museum of Art: 7 p.m., online, registration required; free; 983-0271 or krasl.org

Fort Talk Thursdays presents "History and Minecraft: Re-Creating the Past in Digital Spaces" with James Schwaderer: 7-8 p.m., online via Zoom (bit.ly/39O5zf0); free; 683-8545, ext. 116 or andrea.burns@nileslibrary.net

Trivia Night: 7-9 p.m., Sister Lakes Brewing Co., 92500 County Road 690, Dowagiac; 332-5135 or sisterlakesbrewing.com

FEB. 19

Mike Struwin Band: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

ART EXHIBITS

2020 Members Show and **"Here and There" by Carr Pierce:** through Sunday; Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph; free; 983-3688 or boxfactoryforthearts.org

February Artist Market: Wednesday through Feb. 28; Buchanan Art Center, 117 W. Front St., Buchanan; free; 697-4005 or buchananartcenter.com

"Historic Rituals: The Freemasons of Berrien County": through March 7; History Center at Courthouse Square's Sheriff's Residence, 313 N. Cass St., Berrien Springs; free; 471-1202 or berrienhistory.org

"2020 Members' Show: Inspired By ..." and **"Alternative Grid" by Jennifer Zona:** Saturday through March 28; Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph; free; 983-0271 or krasl.org

Linda Christianson Solo Exhibition: Just Pots: began Jan. 12; **Maker Focus: Sunshine Cobb:** began Jan. 19; **Sanam Emami Sofreh:** began Jan. 26; **Joe Singewald Solo Exhibition:** begins Feb. 2; **Nourishment: Feeding Body and Soul:** begins Feb. 9; Schaller Gallery, 8972 First St., Baroda; 983-7404 or www.schallergallery.com

FILM

Virtual screenings: "Some Kind of Heaven": $12; **"Identifying Feature":** $12; "**Acasa, My Home":** $12; **"Rock Camp: The Movie":** $12; **"Coup 53":** $12; **"The Reason I Jump":** $12; **"Collective":** $12; **"Tazzeka":** $10; **"Weasels' Tale":** $11.99; **"10 Days With Dad":** $10; **"Night Shift":** $10; **"SOL":** $10; **"Finding Yingying":** $12; **"76 Days":** $12; **"Martin Eden":** $12; Vickers Theatre; 756-3522 or vickerstheatre.com

ATTRACTIONS

Light Up the Bluff: all day, through Feb. 14, Lake Bluff Park, Lake Boulevard, St. Joseph; free; 985-1111 or www.stjoetoday.com

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hp SPORTS

Michigan debates lifting ban on high school contact sports

By ANNA LIZ NICHOLS
Associated Press

LANSING — The fight over whether to allow youth contact sports took center court Thursday in Lansing as Michigan lawmakers heard testimony from educators, parents and students wanting to get back to competition.

Even though a ban on indoor dining ends Feb. 1, youth contact sports, including winter high school seasons in basketball, hockey, wrestling and competitive cheer, remain off-limits because of the coronavirus pandemic. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer declined on Monday during a news conference to set a date for the sports to resume.

Whitmer has said aggressive actions to slow the spread of coronavirus are needed and the data is being monitored to determine next steps. But critics say Whitmer sets arbitrary deadlines and moves the goal line each time.

Both the state Senate and House held committee meetings Thursday to allow those affected by the prohibition to testify about their desire for winter sports to resume after three months of being banned.

Republican Sen. Dale Zorn, who sponsored a resolution, which passed in the state Senate on Thursday, to urge Whitmer and the state health department to allow youths to participate in contact sports again, testified in the state Senate Education and Career Readiness Committee that though the orders are meant to protect students from COVID-19, they are hurting their mental health.

"As a result of school closures, students are suffering from crippling isolation, which is severely harming their mental health," Zorn said. "All they want is to be able to compete with their friends and to be the very best that they can be. They don't understand why their school experience, their lives, potential scholarships, have been blocked without explanation."

Jayme McElvany, founder of the Let Them Play movement and a football mom from Milan, Michigan, told legislators that student athletes are victims of political games even though they have followed COVID-19 rules. The Let Them Play Facebook page had nearly 34,000 members as of Thursday who support youth sports resuming

"It's a sad state that we are in when an entire generation of kids who will soon be of voting age have lost all faith and their voices being heard by their elected officials," McElvany said. "I've had many kids messaging me saying 'Miss McElvany, is there anything you can do to help us, because I don't think I can deal with this much longer'."

In the state House Oversight Committee, Rep. David LaGrand said negative emotions over the pandemic aren't just limited to students. The Democrat from Grand Rapids said the state should consider starting a campaign to make residents aware of maintaining their mental and physical health.

LaGrand said allowing sports to resume before students are vaccinated "seems to be roughly the equivalent of running a marathon and lighting yourself on fire just when you can see the finish line."

But Ethan Coady, a high school senior hoping to compete basketball, said without sports students are being left without stress relief from the virus and social isolation. He said he's being taught that the only way he can be a decent human being is going home and staying away from everyone else.

"When you try to voice your opinion about it, instead of people listening and understanding how you feel, you get bashed and told you're being selfish and that you need to think of others," Coady said. "We feel as if we are being punished for something we hate just as much as everyone else."

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Rutgers center Cliff Omoruyi (5) and Michigan State forward Marcus Bingham Jr. compete for the ball during the first half of Thursday's game.

Ragged Spartans

Rutgers staggers Michigan State 67-37, 1st win over Spartans

PISCATAWAY, N.J. (AP) — Myles Johnson scored 13 points with 14 rebounds and five blocked shots and Rutgers staggered Michigan State 67-37 on Thursday night, allowing the fewest points ever since joining the Big Ten and defeating the Spartans for the first time.

Rutgers 67 Michigan St. 37

The win continued Big Ten breakthroughs for Rutgers (9-6, 5-6), which earned its first win at Indiana's Assembly Hall in its last outing. The Scarlet Knights had lost to Michigan State 12 times, including all 11 since joining the conference in the 2014-15 season.

The Spartans (8-5, 2-5) were coming off a 20-day pause after a series of positive COVID-19 tests among players and staff, and may have been caught flat-footed as Rutgers opened the game on a 15-0 run.

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Rutgers center Myles Johnson (15) shoots as he is defended by Michigan State forward Marcus Bingham Jr.

Michigan State outscored Rutgers 20-11 the rest of the first half, trailing 26-20 at the break. But Rutgers opened the second half on an 11-2 run and MSU didn't have an answer.

Neither team shot all that well, It took more than 32 minutes before any player (Johnson) reached double figures in scoring. He was joined by Geo Baker with 11 points and five steals and Jacob Young with 10 points.

Ron Harper Jr. finished with nine on 3-of-15 shooting, 0-for-6 from distance.

No Michigan State player scored more than seven – that was Aaron Henry. Michigan State's 29 percent shooting (16 of 56) wasn't its worst this season, that would be the 26 percent in an 81-56 loss to Minnesota Dec. 28.

Coach Tom Izzo's squad was still without Mady Sissoko, Gabe Brown and Dave Smith.

Throwback (unis) Thursday

Rutgers was wearing throwback uniforms, red with white piping, letters and numerals, that were an homage to the 1982-83 Rutgers team that was the last to win an NCAA Tournament game.

Victory margin

Rutgers largest margin of victory in a conference game since Feb. 15, 2004 (85-52 vs. Virginia Tech) when it was in the Big East.

Michigan State continues a stretch of three road games in six days, traveling to No. 13 Ohio State on Sunday and No. 7 Iowa on Tuesday. Rutgers is at Northwestern on Sunday.

On the cusp: Tigers' Turnbull poised to ascend to ace status

By CHRIS McCOSKY
The Detroit News (TNS)

DETROIT — When those within the baseball industry assess the Tigers' future – evaluators, instructors, coaches, front office personnel – their immediate praise point is the young starting pitching prospects.

Unquestionably, the talented arms and upside of Casey Mize, Tarik Skubal, Matt Manning, and even the injured Alex Faedo and Joey Wentz, form the foundation for this painstaking rebuild.

But let's be clear here. None of those young pitchers have more talent or upside than 28-year-old Spencer Turnbull. While the prospects are still prospects, Turnbull appears poised to ascend to ace status in the Tigers' rotation.

"Spencer Turnbull is a guy who often gets overlooked," manager AJ Hinch said last month. "But he's done a nice job being a stable major-league pitcher."

Stable? Turnbull, in 11 starts in 2020, limited opponents to a .198 batting average with his four-seam fastball (93-94 mph on average), .151 with a 43.6 percent swing-and-miss rate with his slider and .211 with his change-up.

Pretty stingy on the whole.

But that's not what people typically mean by stable in reference to Turnbull. Back in 2019, his first full season in the big leagues, he struggled to keep his adrenaline and composure in check. He would, too often, be his own worst enemy on the mound. Innings and outings could quickly get away from him.

"If he could just get out of his own way," former pitcher coach Rick Anderson would often lament.

But that was then.

He worked extremely hard last offseason on all facets of his life and game – nutrition, fitness, strength and emotional wellness. He came back in 2020 a much different, more mature competitor on the mound. He had better control of his arsenal and his temperament.

Of his 11 starts, he gave up three runs or less in nine of them. He never had an inning where he gave up more than three runs.

Don't get it misconstrued, though. He didn't turn himself into a zombie. The fire still runs hot. It just didn't burn him as much as it used to.

"Sometimes you get real frustrated and there is nothing you can do to calm yourself down," he said. "But you can use that. You channel that energy into the next pitch and maybe you throw it a little harder. You use it."

That's what he's learned. Through breathing exercises, by stepping off the mound and refocusing, sometimes by venting in the dugout or in the tunnel between innings, he's learned to better control his emotions.

"I don't know if 'tamp it down' is the right way to say it," Turnbull said. "It'd be more like being in control of yourself. I don't want to lose my adrenaline. That's where I get a lot of my energy and power from. But I also don't want to get out of control.

"I don't want my mind to speed up. I want to keep my mind quiet but still have all the adrenaline and energy I want to throw as hard as I can and sustain it for a full game."

Turnbull talks about finding that sweet spot, right on the edge between harnessed and unbridled aggression.

"On a scale of one to 10, I like to be around seven, 7½," Turnbull said. "If I start getting up to eight, nine or 10, I need to bring it back down. But I don't want to pitch at four or five. That's not hyped up enough.

"I just try to keep myself self-regulated and staying in that flow state where you are still really aggressive and hyped up, but not so hyped up that you can't function."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Chicago Bears hire Chris Rumph as defensive line coach

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Bears have hired Chris Rumph as defensive line coach after he coached the Houston Texans' outside linebackers this past season.

Rumph has 20 years of coaching experience, mostly at the college level. His college coaching career includes stops at South Carolina State (2002), Memphis (2003-05), Clemson (2006-10), Alabama (2011-13), Texas (2014), Florida (2015-17) and Tennessee (2018-19).

Alabama won the BCS national championship in 2011 and 2012 while Rumph was the Crimson Tide's defensive line coach.

Rumph made his NFL coaching debut with the Texans in 2020.

Lions hire Aubrey Pleasant to new coaching staff

ALLEN PARK (AP) — The Detroit Lions hired Aubrey Pleasant to be the team's pass game coordinator and defensive backs coach.

The team announced the move Thursday. Pleasant joins new coach Dan Campbell's staff.

Pleasant is coming off a four-year run as cornerbacks coach for the Los Angeles Rams. He has also worked as a coaching intern with the Cleveland Browns and an assistant for Washington.

Pleasant is a native of Flint and coached at Grand Blanc High School in 2010. He also worked for the University of Michigan after that.

Michigan State promotes Tillman to cornerbacks coach

EAST LANSING (AP) — Michigan State's Travares Tillman has been promoted to cornerbacks coach.

The school announced the move Thursday. Tillman joined coach Mel Tucker's staff last season as a senior defensive assistant.

Harlon Barnett will transition from cornerbacks to secondary coach.

Tillman came to Michigan State with Tucker after spending one season as a defensive backs coach at Colorado in 2019. He previously was at Georgia for three seasons and worked with Tucker there as well.

RHP Kohl Stewart agrees to 1-year contract with Cubs

CHICAGO (AP) — Righthander Kohl Stewart agreed to a one-year contract with the Chicago Cubs on Thursday after he opted out of last season because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Stewart last pitched in the majors in 2019, going 2-2 with a 6.39 ERA in nine appearances with Minnesota. The 26-year-old Stewart signed with Baltimore in December 2019, but never played for the Orioles.

Stewart's deal with Chicago is worth $700,000 while he is in the majors and $150,000 while he is in the minors.

The 6-foot-3 Stewart was selected by the Twins with the fourth-overall pick in the 2013 amateur draft. He is 4-3 with a 4.79 ERA in 17 career games, including six starts.

Bowey agrees to 2-year contract with Blackhawks

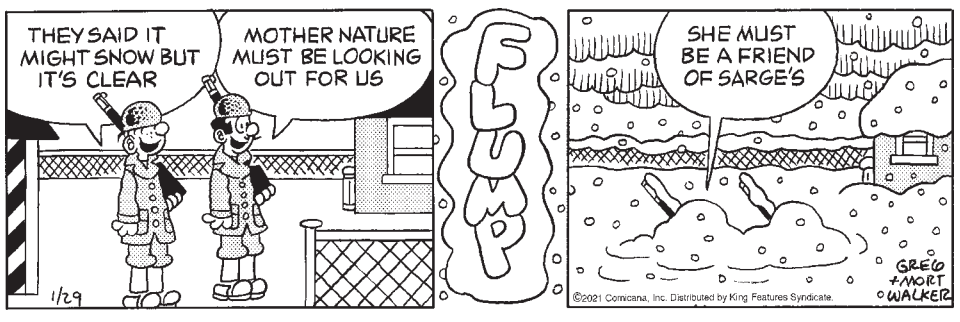
CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Blackhawks agreed to a two-year contract with defenseman Madison Bowey on Thursday.

Bowey's contract has a $725,000 salary cap hit. The first season is a two-way deal, and it transitions to a one-way deal for the 2021-22 season.

The 25-year-old Bowey set career highs with three goals and 14 assists in 53 games for Detroit last season. He was selected by Washington in the second round of the 2013 NHL draft and played two seasons for the Capitals before he was traded to the Red Wings in February 2019.

Bowey, a Stanley Cup winner with Washington in 2018, has five goals and 34 assists in 154 career regular-season games.

BEETLE BAILEY


THEY SAID IT MIGHT SNOW BUT IT'S CLEAR
MOTHER NATURE MUST BE LOOKING OUT FOR US
FLUMP
SHE MUST BE A FRIEND OF SARGE'S
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BLONDIE

BUMSTEAD, I NEED YOU TO WORK ALL WEEKEND ON A HUGE PROJECT FOR A NEW CLIENT
ALL WEEKEND, BOSS?
LISTEN, IF YOU DO A GOOD JOB, THERE'S A NICE BONUS IN IT FOR YOU
HOW NICE IS THE BONUS?
YOU'LL GET TO KEEP YOUR JOB!
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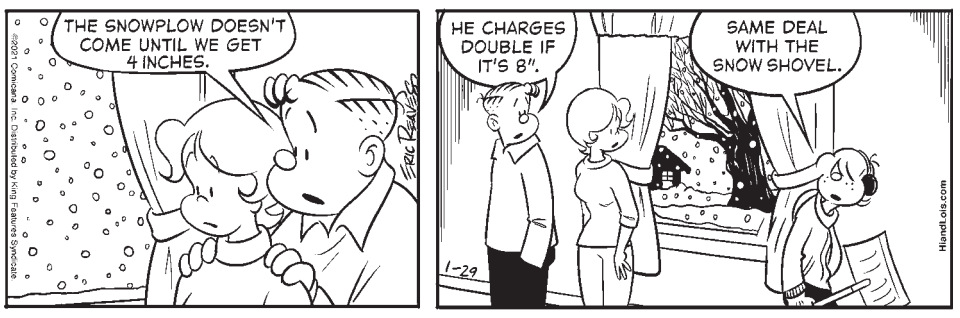
THE SNOWPLOW DOESN'T COME UNTIL WE GET 4 INCHES.
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HE CHARGES DOUBLE IF IT'S 8".
SAME DEAL WITH THE SNOW SHOVEL.
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I SUPPOSE I SHOULDN'T ASK HOW THE HUNT WENT...
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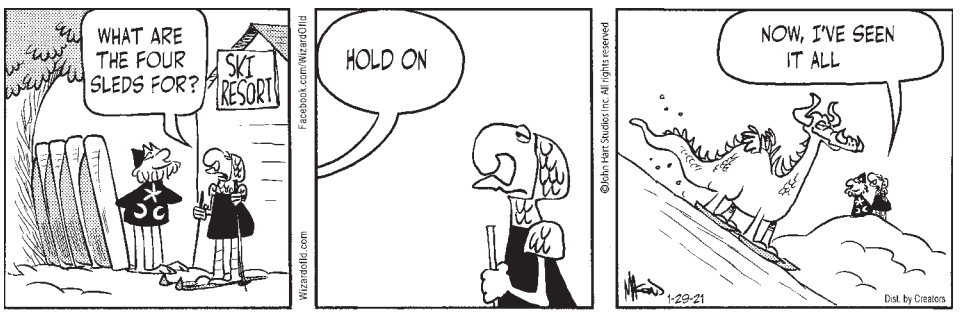

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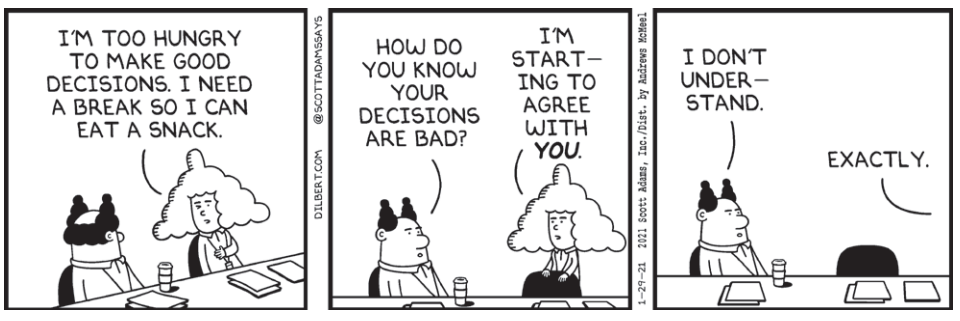
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HOW DO YOU KNOW YOUR DECISIONS ARE BAD?
I'M START-ING TO AGREE WITH YOU.
I DON'T UNDER-STAND.
EXACTLY.
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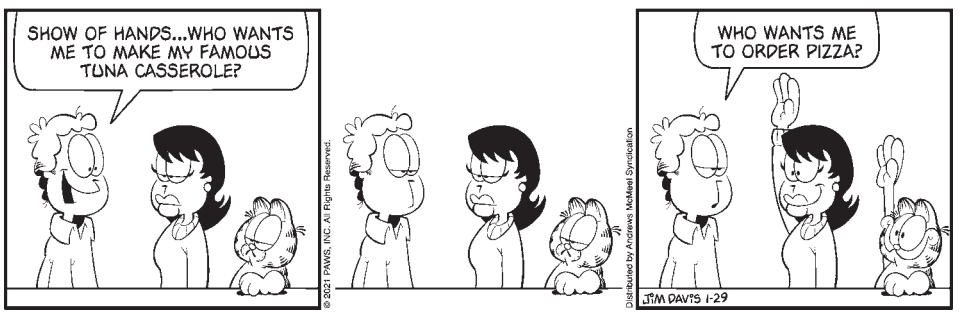
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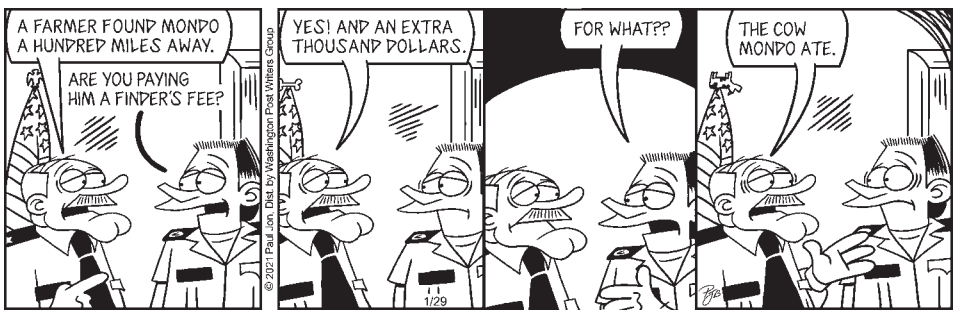
A FARMER FOUND MONDO A HUNDRED MILES AWAY.
ARE YOU PAYING HIM A FINDER'S FEE?
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YES! AND AN EXTRA THOUSAND DOLLARS.
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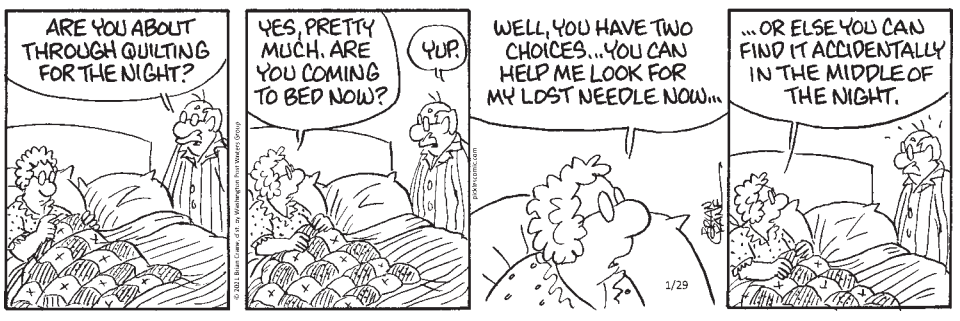
FOR WHAT??
THE COW MONDO ATE.

PICKLES


ARE YOU ABOUT THROUGH QUILTING FOR THE NIGHT?
YES, PRETTY MUCH. ARE YOU COMING TO BED NOW?
YUP.
WELL, YOU HAVE TWO CHOICES...YOU CAN HELP ME LOOK FOR MY LOST NEEDLE NOW...
...OR ELSE YOU CAN FIND IT ACCIDENTALLY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.
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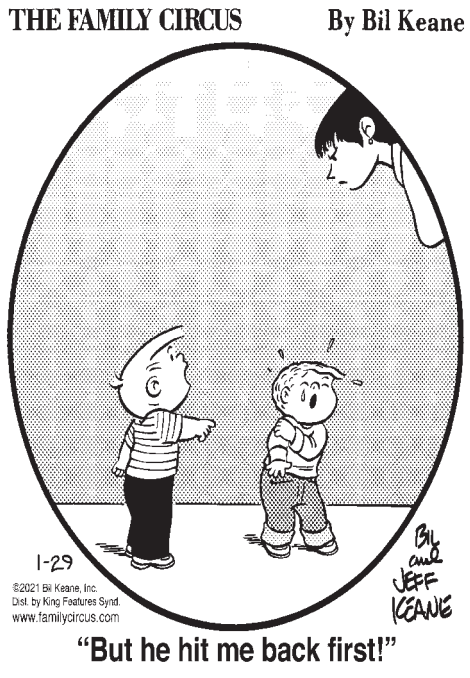
FAMILY CIRCUS



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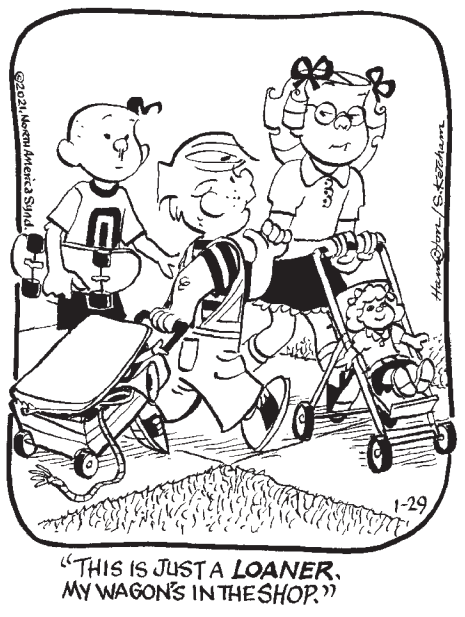
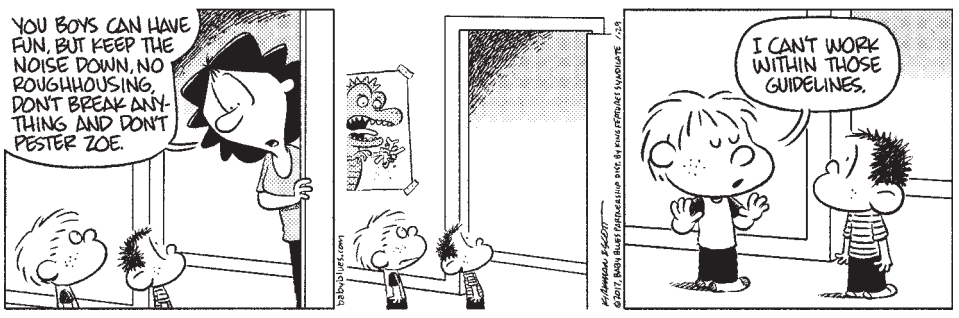
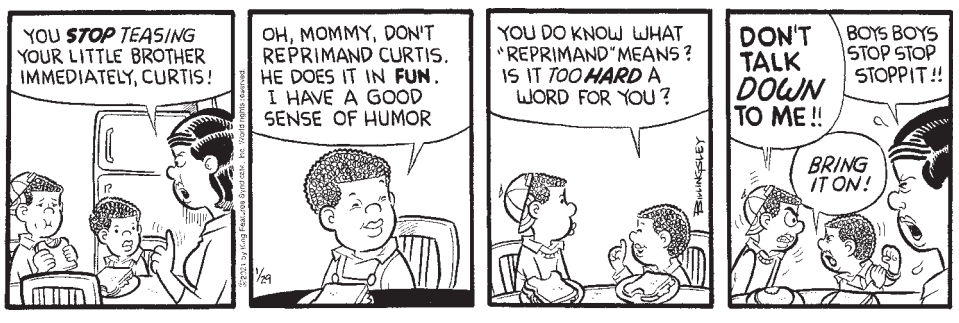


BABY BLUES

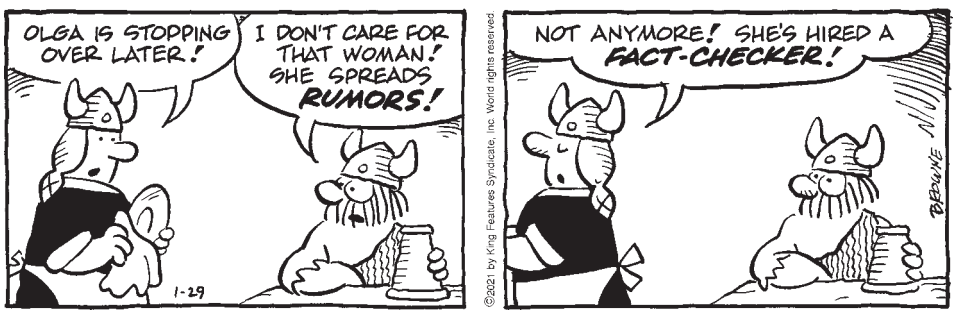

YOU BOYS CAN HAVE FUN, BUT KEEP THE NOISE DOWN, NO ROUGHHOUSING, DON'T BREAK ANYTHING AND DON'T PESTER ZOE.
I CAN'T WORK WITHIN THOSE GUIDELINES.

CURTIS


YOU STOP TEASING YOUR LITTLE BROTHER IMMEDIATELY, CURTIS!
OH, MOMMY, DON'T REPRIMAND CURTIS. HE DOES IT IN FUN. I HAVE A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR
YOU DO KNOW WHAT "REPRIMAND" MEANS? IS IT TOO HARD A WORD FOR YOU?
DON'T TALK DOWN TO ME!!
BOYS BOYS STOP STOP STOPPIT!!
BRING IT ON!

ZITS

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


OLGA IS STOPPING OVER LATER!
I DON'T CARE FOR THAT WOMAN! SHE SPREADS RUMORS!
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NOT ANYMORE! SHE'S HIRED A FACT-CHECKER!
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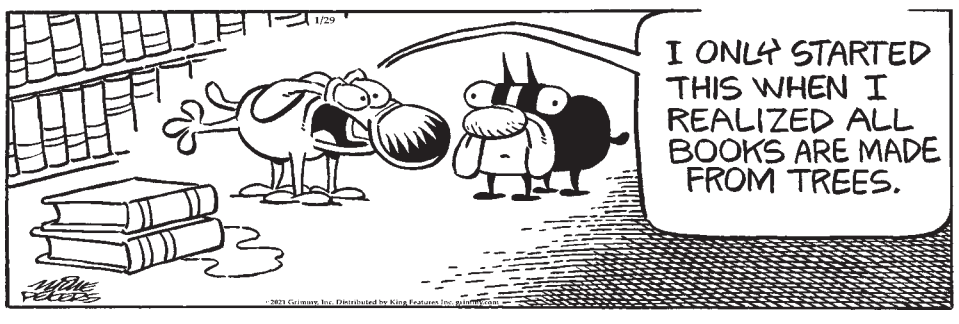
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



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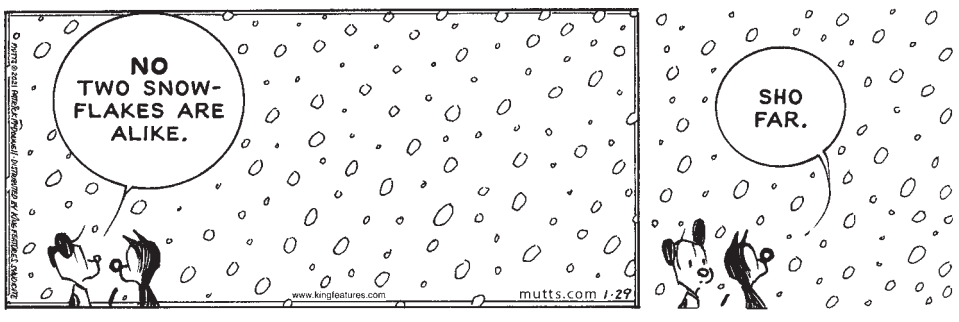

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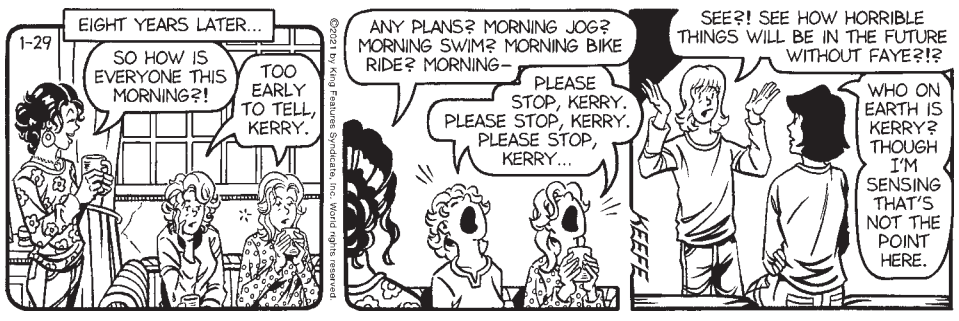
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EIGHT YEARS LATER...
SO HOW IS EVERYONE THIS MORNING?!
TOO EARLY TO TELL, KERRY.
ANY PLANS? MORNING JOG? MORNING SWIM? MORNING BIKE RIDE? MORNING-
PLEASE STOP, KERRY. PLEASE STOP, KERRY. PLEASE STOP, KERRY...
SEE?! SEE HOW HORRIBLE THINGS WILL BE IN THE FUTURE WITHOUT FAYE?!?
WHO ON EARTH IS KERRY? THOUGH I'M SENSING THAT'S NOT THE POINT HERE.
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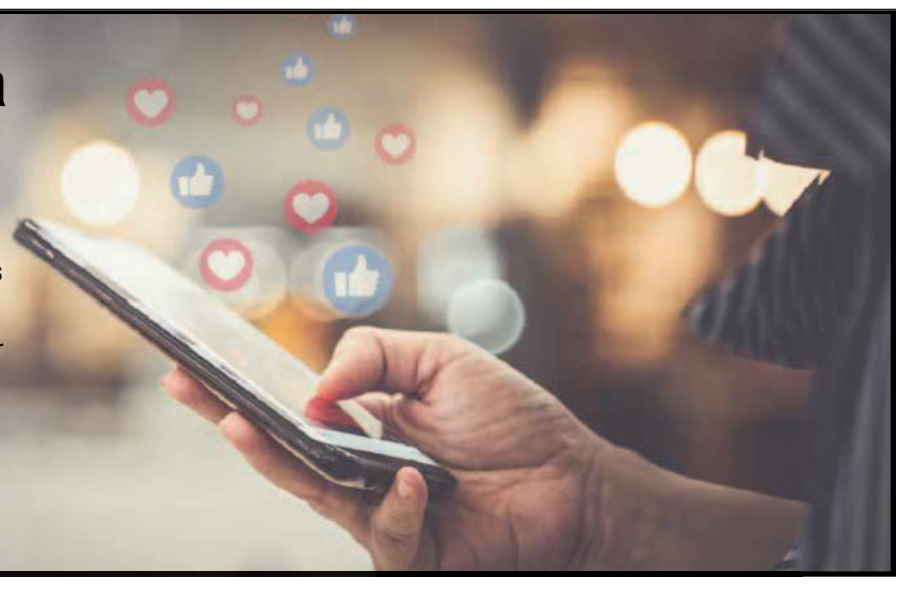

PRIME TIME TV

FRIDAY EVENING JAN. 29

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Shark Tank CC (DVS)		:01 20/20 (N) CC			
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	MacGyver CC		Magnum P.I. CC		Blue Bloods "The Price You Pay"	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	The Blacklist (N) CC		Dateline NBC (N) CC			
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (L)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Black Journal	Washington Week	Firing-Hoover	In Concert at the Hollywood Bowl		In Concert at the Hollywood Bowl	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Whose Line Is It?	Whose Line Is It?	Penn & Teller: Fool Us (N) CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Dateline "The Inside Man" CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "D.A.W."		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Whose Line Is It?	Whose Line Is It?	Penn & Teller: Fool Us (N) CC		The Drew Barrymore Show (N) CC	
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "The Happy List"		Highway to Heaven CC		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 "1,000 Cuts; Draw" CC		The First 48: My First Homicide (N)		:01 Rescue Cam	:32 Rescue Cam
AMC	Lethal Weapon 2	🎥 ★★★ O Brother, Where Art Thou? ('00, Comedy-Drama) George Clooney, John Turturro. CC					★★ Caddyshack
Animal	Monsters	River Monsters		Jeremy Wade Dark Waters: Lies Below			
BET	BET Star	🎥 ★★ Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself ('09) CC					
Big Ten	To Be Announced						
Bravo	:00 Below Deck	Below Deck "Galley Talk 813" (N) CC		🎥 ★★★ The Green Mile ('99, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse. CC			
Cartoon	Gumball	Burgers	American	American	American	Rick	Rick
Cinemax	Wolves at the Door	🎥 ★★ Hostage ('05, Action) Bruce Willis, Kevin Pollak, Ben Foster. CC				9:55 🎥 ★★ Rambo ('08) CC	
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	S. Smith	The Profit CC		The Profit CC		The Profit CC	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Anderson Cooper		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek
Discovery	Gold Rush: Pay	Gold Rush "Freddy to the Rescue" (N) CC				:15 Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch (N)	
Disney	Bunk'd	Secrets	Gabby	Gabby	Gabby	Bunk'd	Bunk'd
DIY	Beach	Beachfrnt Reno		Beachfrnt Reno		Beachfrnt Reno	
E!	🎥 ★ Coyote Ugly ('00) Piper Perabo.				🎥 Sweet Home Alabama		
ESPN	NBA Basketball: Bucks at Pelicans					NBA Basketball	
ESPN2	College Basketball	College Basketball					Games
ESPNC	:00 College Football					College Football	
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	FOX	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Shogun	College Hockey Michigan State at Wisconsin. (N) (L)					Spartans
Freefrm	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy
FX	5:30 🎥 Sicario	🎥 ★★ The Equalizer 2 ('18, Action) Denzel Washington, Pedro Pascal, Ashton Sanders. CC					🎥 Widows
Golf	Central	PGA Tour Golf Farmers Insurance Open, Second Round. CC					
Hallmark	Convenient	🎥 Snow Bride ('13) Katrina Law. A tabloid reporter falls for a politician's son. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	:20 REAL Sports With Bryant Gumbel		:20 🎥 ★ Walk of Shame ('14) Elizabeth Banks. CC			Real Time With Bill Maher (N) CC	
History	UnXplain.	The UnXplained		The UnXplained (N)		Proof	Proof
HGTV	Love-List	Self-Made Mansions		Self-Made Mansions		Dream	Dream
Learning	Unexpect.	90 Day Fiancé (N)				90 Day Fiancé (N)	
Lifetime	Little Women	Little Women: Atlanta (N) CC		Little Women: Atlanta Monie makes her return to Atlanta.			Little Women
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Pregame	NHL Hockey: Blue Jackets at Blackhawks					Postgame
NFL	NFL Total	NFL	NFL	A Football Life		NFL Football	
Nick	Casagran	Hustle	Danger	Sheldon	Sheldon	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Hitler	Hitler's Last Year		After Hitler CC		After Hitler CC	
Oxygen	-Killer	An Unexpected Killer "A Genius Murder"		Framed By the Killer (N) CC		One Deadly Mistake CC	
Parmt	:00 🎥 ★★★ Casino ('95) Robert De Niro, Sharon Stone, Joe Pesci. CC						
Showtime	:25 🎥 ★ The Turning ('20, Horror) Mackenzie Davis. CC			🎥 ★★★ Hereditary ('18, Horror) Toni Collette, Gabriel Byrne, Alex Wolff. CC			
Starz	Premium Rush ('12)	🎥 ★★ Bloodshot ('20, Action) Vin Diesel, Guy Pearce, Eiza González. CC				9:53 American Gods CC	
STZENC	6:50 🎥 ★★★ Good Will Hunting ('97) Matt Damon. CC			🎥 ★★ Robin Hood ('10, Adventure) Russell Crowe, Cate Blanchett. CC			
SyFy	:35 🎥 ★★ San Andreas ('15) Dwayne Johnson. A rescue pilot must save his family after an earthquake.					Resident Alien "Pilot" CC	
TBS	🎥 ★★ Suicide Squad ('16) Will Smith. Armed supervillains unite to battle a powerful entity. CC (DVS)					🎥 ★ Wild Wild West ('99) Will Smith.	
TCM	The Yearling ('46)	🎥 ★★★★ Citizen Kane ('41, Drama) Orson Welles, Joseph Cotten. CC (DVS)				:15 🎥 ★★ Cain and Mabel ('36) CC	
TMC	Fisher King	🎥 ★★★ The Big Lebowski ('98, Comedy) Jeff Bridges, John Goodman. CC				🎥 The Jesus Rolls ('19) CC	
TNT	:00 Bones	🎥 ★★★ Beauty and the Beast ('17) CC (DVS)					Charlie
Travel	Paranorm.	Paranormal Ca.		Fright Club (N) CC		Paranormal Ca.	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	:00 Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D. CC (DVS)		🎥 ★★★ John Wick: Chapter 2 ('17, Action) Keanu Reeves, Common. CC (DVS)			
VH1	White	RuPaul's Drag Race (N) CC				🎥 Identity Thief	
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Eyelash mites are normal part of body's microbiome

DEAR DOCTOR: I would appreciate if you would talk a bit about eyelash mites. What are they, and how does someone get them? What is the best treatment to get rid of them?

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

DEAR READER: Eyelash mites, also known as Demodex mites, are a type of eight-legged parasite. They live in or near the hair follicles on the face and eyes and are found primarily near the eyelashes and the eyebrows. They have a short life cycle, about 14 to 18 days, during which they feed on the oils and dead cells that are found on the surface of the skin. At about three-tenths of a millimeter in size, Demodex mites are invisible to the naked eye. Under a microscope, however, you would see a semi-transparent body shaped somewhat like a cigar. Their eight legs are arranged in four pairs, which makes it easier for them to grasp tubular structures like an eyelash or an eyebrow hair.

It may be unsettling, but we all have a small number of these mites living in the folds and along the edges of our eyelids. They stay hidden in the hair follicles during the day and emerge at night to eat, lay eggs and excrete waste. The mites are part of our body's natural microbiome, and by cleaning up dead skin cells and excess oils, they're actually doing us a service.

As long as their numbers stay low, Demodex mites are harmless. But certain conditions, such as a blocked oil gland, which gives them an abundance of food, can cause the mites to reproduce in great numbers. Their populations also tend to increase as people age. When too many of these tiny parasites are present, they can lead to eye and skin problems. The most common is an inflammation of the eyelids known as blepharitis, or, more specifically, anterior blepharitis. When caused by mites, the condition occurs at the front edge of the eyelid, where the eyelashes emerge. Symptoms include red or dry eyes, swollen eyelids, sticky lashes, itching, burning or stinging, grittiness in the eyes and crustiness around the outer edge of the eyelid. An infestation of mites can also cause dry and itchy skin, and it can even damage the oil glands at the edges of the eyelids and the lashes.

To determine if blepharitis is being caused by eyelash mites, your health care provider will use a special magnifying instrument to examine the eyelid. They may also take a skin, oil or eyelash sample to examine under a microscope. Treatment of anterior blepharitis due to eyelash mites includes gentle and careful soaking and cleaning of the affected area, done several times per day. You may also be prescribed a medicated cream that will trap the mites and prevent them from mating. Throw away any eye makeup you may have used during the infestation. And, since they can spread from person to person, it's important to never share eye makeup, particularly mascara. Infestations of eyelash mites can recur, so remain vigilant about eye hygiene in the future.

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New retiree can't stop obsessing over time

DEAR CAROLYN: As a newly retired person who has raised three children alone – my ex left – I've now come to realize I obsess over time.

There has always been a shortage of it, with mandatory overtime at work, a century-old home needing lots of attention and three active kids. I became a very "engaged" observer of whatever it was I was doing, how much time it took, its outcome on our lives, etc.

Carolyn Hax

Now, though newly retired and especially lacking a schedule during the pandemic, I still have this critical internal judge of my performance and the time each decision requires and whether I'm using the time wisely or not.

I've practiced yoga and meditation for years in the past but it hasn't improved this habit. Suggestions to unwind this clock? – Restless

DEAR RESTLESS: It took you many years and a lot of hard realities to get into this habit.

I don't think you're being fair to yourself when you expect to break it right away as a new retiree, especially under such anxiety-friendly conditions.

So it might help, as you wait for your softer new reality to form new habits, to trick this internal productivity clock of yours. Every morning or week or whatever interval works, figure out what feels like a reasonable goal to achieve. Nothing desperate, artificial or wheel-spinny – just *satisfying*. In some small way.

Today I'll _____. I want to start _____ by the weekend, so today I'll _____. I'll do chores and yoga this morning to free the afternoon for _____.

This isn't to make you busy again, just more focused.

But if busy isn't the worst thing, then try on some longer-range, goal-oriented diversions, too – a craft, a class, a volunteer gig, a toe into waters you never gave yourself permission to test.

Convince your inner critic that you have a purpose, or just engage your mind more reliably. Absorption in a project makes it almost impossible for minds to dwell on themselves.

Unscheduled time can be deeply relaxing or acutely stressful depending on how you approach it, and if you find yourself on the stressful end, that's not because you're broken or bad at relaxing.

Leisure is a precious commodity; it makes sense to feel, at first, as if you're squandering it unless you mill every moment into pleasure. It's normal to feel unmoored by it all, too – especially coming off a phase when there was no leisure time to be had.

In fact, your years of time scarcity then and your abundance now, in their polar-opposite circumstances, might be creating the exact same conditions for you emotionally: pressure to maximize what you have. Such pressure comes with fear built in, that you will somehow fall short.

If that's the case, then nudging even small blocks of your time into a meaningful direction might be all you need to silence your inner critic. Or at least distract her for stretches long enough for you to get used to not hearing her voice. Congratulations on all you did to reach this interesting new phase of life.

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ACROSS
1 Karate studio
5 DJ's supply
8 Cloudy, in London
12 "Iliad" or "Odyssey"
13 Backtalk
14 Corker
15 Grease job
16 Bunyan's tool (Var.)
17 Baroness Karen
18 Official imprints
20 Filled with cargo
22 Siesta
23 Fib
24 Pile up, as wealth
27 Got hitched
30 A real swine
31 Mesozoic, for one
32 Kind of instinct
34 Spanish "that"
35 Islanders org.
37 Horse command
38 Harsh experience
40 Flair
42 Strike caller
43 Big do, slangily
44 Famed fabulist
46 Rich soils
49 Off. helper
50 Kind of system
52 Where Anna taught
54 Organ part
55 Social Register word
56 Three musicians
57 South African currency
58 Coast Guard alert
59 Canine noise

DOWN
1 R.I. neighbor
2 Great work
3 Be in harmony
4 Coral reef locales
5 Barrette
6 New Jersey fort
7 School book
8 Coasted along
9 Trick
10 Flair
11 Hearty laugh
19 Musical notes
21 Opera set in Egypt
24 Primate
25 Japanese soup
26 Lab medium
27 Petroleum mine
28 Like custard
29 Fencing match
33 Golf bag item
35 Verne captain
36 Occurs
39 Did a cleaning chore
40 B'way notice
41 Nice and warm
43 Shipping hazards
44 Where Hong Kong is
45 "Monday Night Football" airer
47 Swampy ground
48 Leave the dock
49 IRS month
51 Mgmt. biggie
53 Long-handled implement

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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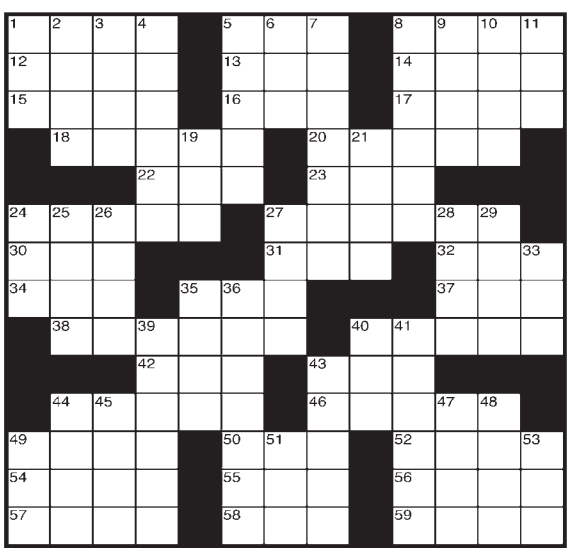

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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GAAED

RYELEM

TAISHU

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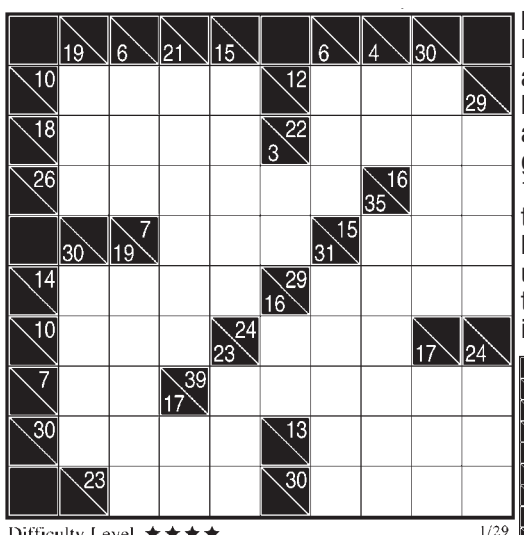
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"_____ - _____"

(Answers tomorrow)

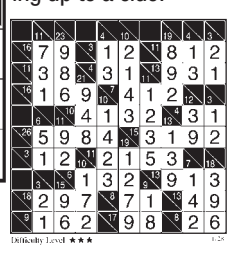
Yesterday's Jumbles: GRAFT HUMAN MOSTLY TIRADE
Answer: Brian Epstein knew what to do after seeing the Beatles because he had — "FOUR-SIGHT"

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 1/29

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Here is the answer to the first question in my Christmas competition. (The others will be in tomorrow's column.) How should South play in four spades after West leads a trump, and East follows suit?

South starts with nine top tricks: seven spades and two diamonds. Obviously, if West has the diamond queen, life will be easy. So declarer just knows that that card will be offside. In addition, if East takes a trick with the diamond queen and gives his partner the lead in hearts, a low-club shift through dummy's king could give South a nasty guess. (Since East is a passed hand, he is unlikely to have the diamond queen and club ace-queen, because West's lead marks East with a high heart, probably the king.) But declarer can avoid those problems. He draws the remaining trump, plays a diamond to the king and exits with a heart, taken by West. What can he do?

If West plays a second heart, South ruffs and leads a diamond. If West shows out (see the diagram), declarer ducks the trick to East, who is endplayed. He must lead a club around to the king, or play a diamond from the queen, or return a heart, conceding a ruff-and-sluff. (Declarer ruffs on the board to gain an eighth trump trick.)

If West leads a second diamond, South tries dummy's jack. If it loses, the suit must be 3-2, and the contract is guaranteed. If East fails to follow suit, the diamond jack is declarer's 10th trick.

If West leads a club, South plays low from the board and can build up a club trick. He loses at most one heart and two clubs.

North 01-29-21
♠ 6 3 2
♥ 8 4
♦ A K J 5 3
♣ K 7 4

West
♠ 7 4
♥ A Q 10 9 5
♦ 7
♣ Q 10 6 3 2

East
♠ 5
♥ K J 6 3 2
♦ Q 10 9 8
♣ A 9 8

South
♠ A K Q J 10 9 8
♥ 7
♦ 6 4 2
♣ J 5

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
	Pass	Pass	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 4

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

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7		4		2	5	3		
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9	5	1						2
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		6	4	8		9		3
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

8	7	3	2	1	6	4	5	9
1	6	4	5	3	9	2	7	8
9	2	5	4	7	8	1	3	6
7	4	2	6	5	1	9	8	3
6	5	1	9	8	3	7	4	2
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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

Let your intuition lead the way when dealing with emotional or personal matters. Think twice before you make a lifestyle change. Too much or too little of anything will leave you confused. Strive for balance and stability, and it will be easier for you to make decisions that will help you succeed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Check out what's going on around you before you make a decision. Uncertainty will be a signal that you are better off taking a pass. Nurture a relationship that's going through difficult times.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Leave nothing unfinished, and you will avoid criticism and complaints. How you reach out to help others will determine the type of support you receive. A change of plans will leave you in an awkward position.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't dwell on what you can't do; focus on what's possible. Pour your enthusiasm into what counts. Refuse to let a change someone makes lead to a spat. Live in the moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A stubborn attitude will not help you get your way. Rethink your strategy before you get into a verbal battle. Your reputation, position or status will come under scrutiny. Do your best to avoid trouble.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'll get a false impression of what someone can do or what they have. Don't sign up for something based on what you hear; get the facts, and protect your assets. Use your intelligence to advance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Use your imagination when it comes to business matters. A close friend or relative will offer or verify facts that will help you avoid a loss. Encourage romance. Be equitable in all things.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take measures that allow you to work alone. The less interference you have, the easier it will be to get things done. If you let your intuition be your guide, you'll know what you have to do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Listen and learn. The less you say, the more you will discover about a friend, colleague or distant relative. Personal growth, self-improvement and positive change are all prevalent.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Take pride in your home and the way you live. Refuse to let anyone belittle the things or people that mean something to you. Speak up when necessary.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't let someone poison your vision. Use your imagination and resources to create a positive outcome. It's up to you to take charge if you're going to live life your way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) What you learn will help you get ahead. Pick up skills, knowledge, a license or anything else that can help you claim a position that interests you. Focus on getting ahead.

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Brokerages limit trading in GameStop, sparking outcry

By ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

Robinhood and other retail brokerages are taking steps to tamp down the speculative frenzy surrounding companies such as GameStop, but the actions only sparked more volatility in the market and an outcry from users of the platforms and some members of Congress who say small investors are being treated unfairly.

GameStop stock has rocketed from below $20 earlier this month to close around $350 Wednesday as a volunteer army of investors on social media challenged big institutions who had placed market bets that the stock would fall.

The action was even wilder Thursday: The stock swung between $112 and $483 before closing down 43.2 percent at $197.44.

Robinhood said Thursday that investors would only be able to sell their positions and not open new ones in some cases. Robinhood will also require investors to put up more of their own money for certain trades instead of using borrowed funds.

Besides GameStop, Robinhood said trading in stocks such as AMC Entertainment, Bed Bath & Beyond, Blackberry, Nokia, Express Inc., Koss Corp., American Airlines, Tootsie Roll, Trivago and Naked Brand Group would be affected by the new restrictions.

Interactive Brokers also limited options trading in AMC, BlackBerry, Express, GameStop and Koss. Clients can close out positions, but not buy more options, a move the company said was due to extraordinary volatility in the markets. It also tightened margin requirements indefinitely on "short stock positions."

Charles Schwab and TD Ameritrade took similar steps to restrict trading on their platforms Wednesday.

The frenzy surrounding shares of GameStop, AMC and others has drawn in an influx of investors with little or no experience trading stocks. That poses a challenge for brokerages that cater to small investors, said Andy Nybo, managing director at Burton-Taylor International Consulting.

"The brokers were forced to take action because they would be in the firing line if an unsophisticated investor loses money," he said.

Robinhood's stated goal is to "democratize" investing and to bring more regular people into investing. The company has forced huge, ground-shaking changes for the brokerage industry, such as its decision to charge zero commissions for customers trading stocks and exchange-traded funds. That's why some users took Thursday's actions as an affront.

At least one lawsuit was filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in New York claiming Robinhood manipulated the market by restricting investors' access to trading GameStop.

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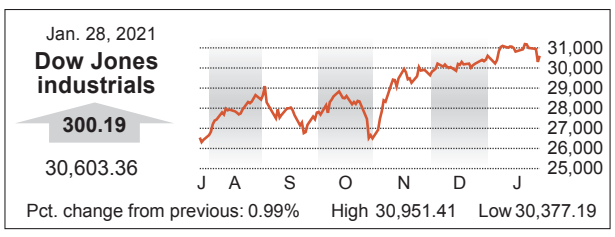

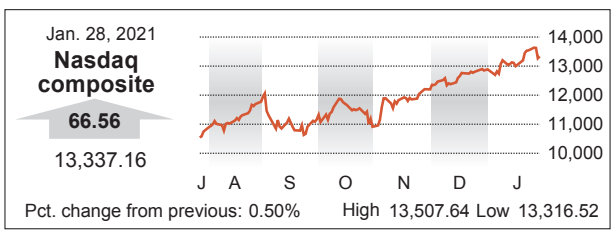

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Apple Inc s	AAPL	53.15	145.09	137.09	-4.97	-3.5	▼	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1297.82	1146.64	+9.43	+0.8	▼	▼	▼
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MillerHer	MLHR	14.39	41.55	35.91	+1.48	+4.3	▼	▲	▲
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Pat Elaine Hall

April 24, 1935 – Jan. 10, 2021

Pat Elaine Hall, 85, formerly of Bridgman, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021, in Georgia.

The family will be remembering Pat privately.

Condolences can be left online at www.PikeFH.com.

Pat was born April 24, 1935, in Chikaming Township, the daughter of the late Neal and Viola Payne. On June 23, 1973, she married Fred Hall, who preceded her in death.

Pat loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. She was an avid walker, and when she lived in Bridgman, could be seen daily walking all over town. She continued the habit after she moved to Georgia.

Survivors include her children, Daniel (Julie) Becktell, Sandra (Al) Borglin, Robert Becktell, Dennis (Kathy) Becktell and Gina (Matt) Hall; five grandchildren, Brian Collins, Dennessa Becktell, Kerri Becktell, Michael Becktell and Kelsey Becktell; two great-grandchildren, Jaysek and Kyndle; and sister, Jackie (Ed) Miller. Pat was preceded in death by her sister, Iris Miller.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Boyd Chapel of Pike Funeral and Cremations Service, 9191 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman.

Guy Shepardson

June 5, 1952 – Jan. 27, 2021

Guy Shepardson, 68, of Galien passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021, at home with his family by his side.

A celebration of life service will be held privately at Swem Chapel in Buchanan. Burial will take place in Galien Cemetery with a public graveside service at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Christmas Less Fortunate (CLF), 2761 Kaiser Road, Galien, MI 49113; or Redbud Area Ministries (RAM), P.O. Box 341, Buchanan, MI 49107.

Those wishing to send a condolence can do so online at www.swemchapel.com.

Guy was born on June 5, 1952, to Ellis "Bub" and Marjorie (Brackett) Shepardson in Benton Harbor.

He graduated from Galien High School in 1970, with honors. Guy then earned a grant to Grand Valley College, now university, majoring in history. He later went to Western Michigan University, focusing on library studies.

Guy was a very avid reader, and always had a book with him. He belonged to the Galien Library Book Club, was a member at Community of Christ Church, Galien, and belonged to the Men in Christ group. He loved cats and Soki, the sweet family pit bull. Most of all, Guy cherished his family and church family.

Guy is survived by his sister, Kay Shepardson of Galien; brothers, Dean Shepardson of Baroda and John Shepardson of Mishawaka, Ind.; nephews, Tom (Erin) Shepardson and Doug (Stephane Dewaters) Shepardson; nieces, Leona Hollingsworth, April Shepardson; and close friend, Marilyn Krych. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Vicki Lynn Rudell

Jan. 17, 1950 – Jan. 26, 2021

Vicki Lynn Rudell, 71, of Berrien Springs, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021, at home.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel & Cremation Services. A celebration of life memorial service will be at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made to Berrien County Animal Control, www.berriencounty.org/224/donations; METAvivor, in honor of a dear friend; or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org.

Those wishing to leave an online condolence can do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Vicki was born on Jan. 17, 1950, in St. Joseph, to Otto Jr. and Doris (Wetzel) Jasper.

She was raised on the Jasper family farm with her parents and sisters. While attending Berrien Springs High School, Vicki met, and later married, the love of her life, Robert Rudell. On July 30, 1966, the two were married at Trinity Lutheran Church in Berrien Springs. They spent 50 wonderful years together before his passing in 2016.

Vicki had a love of flowers. She worked in the floral design industry for 35 years, creating beautiful arrangements for various local florists. She also enjoyed the Christmas season, cooking meals for friends and family and just being around people creating new memories.

She will truly be missed by all who knew her.

Vicki is survived by her children, Ann (Brian) Bowen of Niles and Lisa (Scott) Howe of Dowagiac; grandchildren, Rebecca (Brian), Nicholas (Kayla), Max (Danielle) and Julia; great-grandchildren, Gibson and Mason; and sister, Donna Jasper.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Otto Jr. and Doris; husband, Robert; and sister, Linda Marutz.

Death notices

Lester Elwell, 73, of St. Joseph, died Jan. 27, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Pat Elaine Hall, 85, formerly of Bridgman, died Jan. 10, 2021, in Georgia. Boyd Chapel of Pike Funeral and Cremations Services, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Keith L. Kenyon, 71, of Coudersport, Pa., formerly of St. Joseph, died Jan. 22, 2021, at UPMC – Cole, Coudersport, Pa. Thomas E. Fickinger Funeral Home, Coudersport, Pa., 814-274-8888.

Robert Louis Krieger, 87, of Bridgman died Jan. 25, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Boyd Chapel of Pike Funeral and Cremations Services, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Elaine Marie Lee, 82, died Nov. 26, 2020. Northwest Funeral Chapel, Milwaukee, 414-462-6020.

Charlotte Loraine Leonard, 75, of Dowagiac died Jan. 28, 2021, at home. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

James T. Schulte, 70, of Berrien Springs died Jan. 27, 2021, at home. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

Guy Shepardson, 68, of Galien, died Jan. 27, 2021, at home. Swem Chapel, Buchanan, 695-6881.

Keith Kenyon

March 7, 1949 – Jan. 22, 2021

Keith L. Kenyon, 71, of Coudersport, Pa., formerly of St. Joseph, died Friday, Jan. 22, 2021, at UPMC – Cole, Coudersport, Pa.

Keith was born on March 7, 1949, in Coudersport, the son of the late L. Leonard and Dana A. (Gooch) Kenyon.

He married the former Janice L. Skaggs on Oct. 8, 1972, and they celebrated 47 years of marriage together until her passing on May 24, 2020.

Keith was a graduate of Coudersport High School, class of 1967, and earned his electrical engineering degree from Bucknell University in 1971. Keith was a veteran of the U.S. Army and worked as an electrical engineer in the computer industry.

Keith was a private pilot and enjoyed flying. He also enjoyed and was a skilled financial investor. He was a very generous man, and created the Kenyon Scholarship at Lake Michigan College.

Keith is survived by three brothers, Karl (Franny) Kenyon of Springboro, Pa., Kevin (Sandra) Kenyon and Kent (Kathy) Kenyon, both of Coudersport; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, Keith was preceded in death by a brother, Kurtis Lee Kenyon.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no visitation, and a celebration of Keith's life will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions in Keith's name be made to First Seventh-day Baptist Church of Hebron, 13 E. Carley Hill Road, Coudersport, PA 16915.

The family has entrusted the Thomas E. Fickinger Funeral Home, 210 N. East St., Coudersport with his arrangements.

To share a memory of Keith, or to sign his guest book, visit www.thomasfickinger.com.

Elaine Lee

July 23, 1938 – Nov. 26, 2020

Elaine Marie Lee was born on July 23, 1938, in Many, La., and was the eighth of 12 children.

The family migrated to Benton Harbor in 1947, for better opportunities. After graduating from Benton Harbor High School in 1957, Elaine relocated to Milwaukee, where she attended the University of Milwaukee for one year, and went on to receive her associate degree in nursing from Milwaukee Area Technical College.

She married James Lee in 1963. This union of love produced a daughter, La-Ronda S. Lee. They were married 17 years before he passed at the age of 39.

Elaine Marie Joseph Lee entered heaven to be with the Lord early Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 26, 2020.

Elaine leaves to cherish her memory one daughter, La-Ronda Lee of Dallas; one godson, Antwan (Brooke) Joseph; one grandson, Pepper; four brothers, L. J. Joseph of Benton Harbor, Bill (Donna) Joseph of Grand Rapids, Lewis (Mildred) Joseph of Benton Harbor and Charles (Donna) Joseph of Phoenix; three sisters-in-law, Cynthia Joseph of Houston, Mary Jo Joseph of Benton Harbor and Julia Joseph of Mishawaka, Ind.; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Lee; parents, Maggie B. (Maxie) and Iseah Joseph Sr.; two sisters, Annie Lee Yates and Mary Lee Bell; five brothers, L.P. Joseph, Allen Joseph, Iseah Joseph Jr., Shevon Joseph and Otis Joseph Sr.

Attacks on individuals fall as cybercrime shifts tactics

By SARAH SKIDMORE SELL
AP Personal Finance Writer

Cybercriminals shifted away from stealing individual consumers' information in 2020 to focus on bigger, more profitable attacks on businesses, according to a report from the Identity Theft Resource Center.

The nonprofit, which supports victims of identity crime, found that the number of U.S. data breaches fell 19 percent in 2020 to 1,108. But the number of individual victims of such cybercrimes fell 66 percent compared with the year prior.

Ransomware and phishing attacks are now the preferred form of data theft because they require less effort and generate bigger payouts. The ITRC said that one ransomware attack can generate as much revenue in minutes as hundreds of individual identity theft attempts over months or years.

According to cybersecurity firm Coveware, the average ransomware payout has grown from less than $10,000 per event in 2018 to more than $233,000 per event in 2020.

However, experts urge consumers not to let down their guard.

According to the ITRC report released Thursday, even with the decline, there were still 300.5 million individuals impacted by data breaches in 2020. Although this figure may include repeats, where a person is victimized multiple times.

"People should understand that this problem is not going away," said Eva Velasquez, ITRC's president and CEO. "Cybercriminals are simply shifting their tactics to find a new way to attack businesses and consumers."

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1996 – 25 years ago

The Venetian Festival brought an estimated $7.6 million to Southwest Michigan last year, more than half of the 150,000 visitors came from outside the Twin Cities area and the typical festival-goer was 40 years old. Those results were announced as part of a report on the first-ever comprehensive survey of visitors to the four-day festival. The survey was designed to reveal the who, what, when, why and, especially, the how much.

1986 – 35 years ago

An American flag that flew over the nation's Capitol was recently presented to Stewart School of the Lakeshore District by members of American Legion Post 163 and AMVETS Post 88 in St. Joseph. John Silvulka, AMVETS post adjutant, said U.S. Rep. Mark Siljander gave the flag to the service organizations for presentation to students and faculty at Stewart.

1971 – 50 years ago

An annual competition to select Mrs. Safety 1971 is now being conducted by the women's division of the Michigan Safety Conference. Mrs. Robert Bourne of Lansing, chairman of the Mrs. Safety Committee, announced that deadline for nominations is March 31, and the winner, together with second and third place selections, will be announced at the Michigan Safety Conference at the Lansing Civic Center on April 20-22. The competition is open to volunteer safety workers only. Anyone whose work involves safety is not eligible unless her efforts in the safety field are totally outside her job or professional task.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, Jan. 29, the 29th day of 2021. There are 336 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Jan. 29, 1979, President Jimmy Carter formally welcomed Chinese Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping to the White House, following the establishment of diplomatic relations.

On this date:

In 1820, King George III died at Windsor Castle at age 81; he was succeeded by his son, who became King George IV.

In 1845, Edgar Allan Poe's famous narrative poem "The Raven" ("Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary...") was first published in the New York Evening Mirror.

In 1919, the ratification of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which launched Prohibition, was certified by Acting Secretary of State Frank L. Polk.

In 1936, the first inductees of baseball's Hall of Fame, including Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth, were named in Cooperstown, New York.

In 1963, the first charter members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame were named in Canton, Ohio (they were enshrined when the Hall opened in September 1963). Poet Robert Frost died in Boston at age 88.

In 1966, the musical comedy "Sweet Charity" starring Gwen Verdon opened on Broadway.

In 1975, a bomb exploded inside the U.S. State Department in Washington, causing considerable damage, but injuring no one; the radical group Weather Underground claimed responsibility.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Snow Likely	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
29°	20°	32° / 26°	33° / 23°	31° / 22°	32° / 19°

Local Outlook

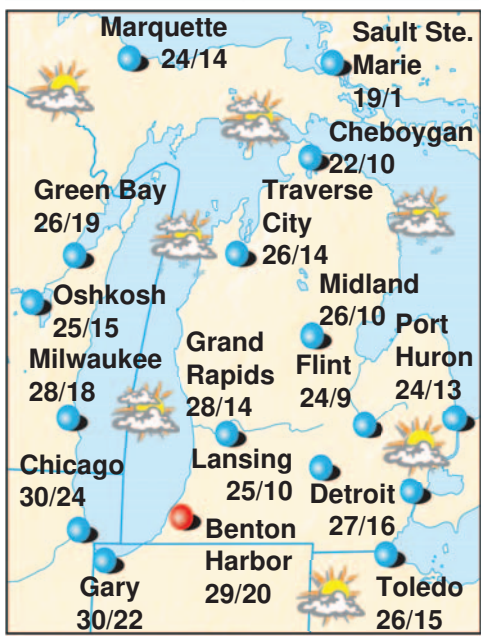
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 29°, humidity of 70%. Southeast wind 1 to 5 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 20°. East southeast wind 2 to 11 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 11°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	8:01 a.m.
Sunset	5:56 p.m.
Moonrise	6:59 p.m.
Moonset	8:56 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
2/4	2/11	2/19	2/27

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	26°
Low	14°
Normal High	31°
Normal Low	16°
Record High	60° in 2002
Record Low	-16° in 2014

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.96"
Normal for month	1.58"
Year to date	0.96"
Normal Year to date	1.58"

Air Quality

Yesterday	18
Main Offender	Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

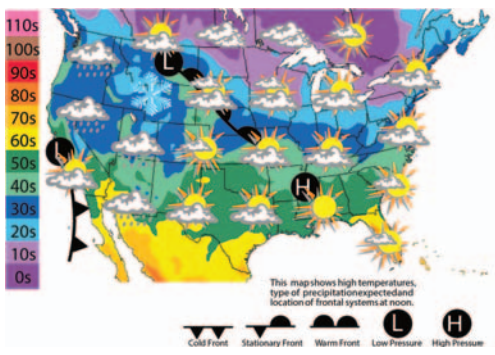
Weather Trivia

How often does the groundhog correctly predict the weather?

Answer: Over the past 60 years, 28 percent of the time.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Jan. 29, 2021



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, ESE wind around 6 kt. Mostly cloudy. Waves 1 ft or less. Water temperature 29 degrees. Tonight, SE wind 8 to 12 kt, with gusts as high as 18 kt. Increasing clouds.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with scattered snow showers, highs in the 10s and 20s. Northwest wind 6 to 9 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Saturday with highs in the 20s. East southeast wind 3 to 13 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the 20s. Southeast wind 1 to 5 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Saturday with highs in the 20s and 30s. East southeast wind 11 to 17 mph.

VIDEO

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criticizing Tynes, stressed that the vaccine is safe.

Also in the video Tynes brought up traumatic episodes in history in which Black people were abused by the medical community. Tynes referenced the Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment in which Black men in Tuskegee, Ala., thought they were being treated for the disease. In actuality, researchers were studying the natural progression of untreated syphilis from 1932-1972, even though penicillin became an effective treatment by 1947.

Tynes further talked about atrocities committed by Nazi doctors that included "6,000 mulatto or Blacks" in Nazi concentration camps.

"So you have some doctors who are not well-meaning. And then there's many that are," Tynes said, regarding the medical community in general.

Some of the viewers who commented on Facebook regarding the video thanked Tynes for the information, while others called it dangerous and said it could lead to more deaths.

Tynes spoke with The Herald-Palladium Wednesday about the video. He said he made it to answer questions people in Benton Harbor have been asking him about COVID-19. He added the video appears to have rubbed some people outside of his community the wrong way.

"What people are looking for is that they want everybody to do a promotional campaign," said Tynes. "The only reason why my video is standing out is because I was doing a fact campaign."

Tynes said he was merely presenting the facts about the vaccine in a way that Black people in his community would understand, which hasn't happened during much of the pandemic. For example, he said it wasn't explained properly to Black people early in the pandemic what they should do when they quarantined.

"When they were being told to quarantine and they got sick, people were staying home too long and coming to the hospital in critical condition," he said. "And they were saying, 'But you told me we were supposed to quarantine and stay at home.'"

So he came up with the slogan: "Quarantine when you're healthy, see the doctor when you're sick."

Tynes said there are many misunderstandings in the Black community – and across America – about the vaccine.

He said people need to understand that they still have to wear masks, wash their hands and social distance even after they are vaccinated. He said more than one person told him that they thought that being vaccinated meant they were immune to COVID-19 and no longer had to take precautions.

"You're trying to prewarn the body so you'll be prepared to fight the disease when it comes," he said. "The only thing that it does is it gives you a chance to have less of an infection."

Tynes stressed on Wednesday that he is not opposed to the vaccine. In fact, Tynes said he's doing everything he can to help his patients who want the vaccine to get it.

"They took the vaccine because they want to make sure if they get the infection, it will be less of an infection. Not because of false promises that they will be immune to (COVID-19)," he said.

And he said that decision is a personal choice that people should be able to keep private.

In addition, Tynes said he made the video to help people understand that this vaccine uses new technology, and it will be a year or two before results are fully known about how effective the vaccine is.

Other area medical leaders continue to tout the benefits of the vaccine. None went out of their way to criticize Tynes or the video.

Dr. John Froggatt, vice president of medical affairs at Spectrum Health Lakeland, said in an emailed statement that the COVID-19 vaccines use mRNA messaging to trigger the body's cells to "produce pieces of virus proteins that our immune systems react to, protecting us from infection. ... You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine. Nor does the vaccine mRNA affect your DNA."

Froggatt added: "Vaccines have been the bedrock of public health for decades, preventing infection, stopping outbreaks of disease and saving lives. We encourage the use of vaccines because the scientific data shows vaccination can improve the health of the community and save lives."

Froggatt said Spectrum Health Lakeland isn't forcing the vaccine on anyone.

"We understand people in our community may choose not to be vaccinated," he wrote. "We support their right to make that choice. While Spectrum Health encourages vaccination for its team members, the vaccine is not mandatory or a condition of employment. The choice to obtain a vaccine is up to the individual team member."

In an emailed statement, Gillian Conrad, communications manager with the Berrien County Health Department, said that the department will do its best to answer all questions.

"As our department has throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we remain committed to providing factual, credible, and timely public information," she said. "It is important that people are able to review the science and data to make informed decisions about what will be best for themselves and their loved ones. We know that not everyone will choose to receive the COVID-19 vaccine right away or even at all and we feel that it is completely appropriate for people to take some additional time to make that choice."

Dr. Loren Hamel, president of Spectrum Health Lakeland, addressed the past atrocities inflicted on people of color by the medical community. Hamel said measures have been put in place to make sure such events never happen again.

"We understand there are historical and contemporary examples of the mistreatment and misdiagnosis of Black people in health care settings. The distrust is deep and must be repaired," he said in an emailed statement. "The Tuskegee Syphilis study, and others like it, was a tragic event in American history, and we recognize the deep and enduring wounds it caused. We learned many lessons from that time in our nation's history."

Hamel added that people of color have also "taken on a disproportionate burden of COVID-19 cases, deaths, hospitalizations."

He added: "The COVID-19 vaccine is a critical step toward mitigating this impact. The vaccine was trialed among a diverse group of participants who voluntarily joined the study and received full consent regarding the benefits and risks. ... Our Spectrum Health clinicians have rigorously reviewed the data on the safety and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccine and are confident in its safety and effectiveness for people of all races and ethnicities. We are committed to health equity and enabling equitable access to everyone – no matter their race, ethnicity, or economic status – to receive the vaccine."

Role of race in U.S. vaccine rollout gets put to the test

By GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — The role that race should play in deciding who gets priority for the COVID-19 vaccine was put to the test Thursday in Oregon, but people of color won't be the specific focus in the next phase of the state's rollout as tensions around equity and access to the shots emerge nationwide.

An advisory committee that provides recommendations to Gov. Kate Brown and public health authorities discussed whether to prioritize racial minorities but decided on a wide range of other groups: those under 65 with chronic medical conditions, essential workers, inmates and people living in group settings.

The 27-member panel in Oregon, a Democratic-led state that's overwhelmingly white, said people of color likely fell into the other prioritized groups and expressed concerns about legal issues if race was the focus. Its recommendations are not binding but offer key guidance on vaccine distribution.

The committee was formed with the goal of keeping fairness at the heart of Oregon's vaccine rollout. Its members were selected to include racial minorities and ethnic groups, from Somalian refugees to Indigenous people.

"Our system is not yet prepared to center on and reveal the truth of structural racism and how it plays out," said Kelly Gonzales, a member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and a health disparity expert on the committee.

The panel included a statement in its plan acknowledging the impact of structural racism and saying it reviewed the needs of minority communities.

The virus has disproportionately affected people of color. Last week, the Biden administration reemphasized the importance of including "social vulnerability" in state vaccination plans – with race, ethnicity and the rural-urban divide at the forefront – and asked states to identify "pharmacy deserts" where getting shots into arms will be difficult.

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